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FORMER SUZUKI MOTOR CHAIRMAN OSAMU SUZUKI PASSES AWAY AT 94

Suzuki, who grew small-car manufacturer Suzuki Motor into an international brand with huge success in India, passed away on Wednesday

REVOLUTIONISED INDIA'S CAR MARKET

He passed away on December 25 due to malignant lymphoma, according to information shared by Japan's Suzuki Motor Corporation on Friday. Suzuki is credited for taking a big risk by partnering with the then Indian government in 1981 to form a joint venture, Maruti Udyog Ltd, when India was a closed economy. The move revolutionised India's car market

PROVED SMALL CARS CAN GIVE BIG BUSINESS

- Calling himself an "old man at a small business", Osamu Suzuki focused on building light-weight 'kei' vehicles, many of which became big hits for their fuel efficiency and easy-to-handle quality
- Under the charismatic businessman's four-decade leadership through 2021, Suzuki Motor's sales grew more than 10-fold to 3 trillion yen

40%

CURRENT MARKET SHARE OF MARUTI SUZUKI IN INDIA'S CAR MARKET

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Cremation today amid party's push for separate resting place

Funeral at 11.45 am at Delhi's Nigambodh Ghat crematorium, says Home Ministry

Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays last respects to former prime minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of former prime minister Manmohan Singh's final rites with full state honours, the Congress on Friday requested the Union government for a resting place for him along the banks of the Yamuna in Delhi, where many former PMs have their memorials.

However, sources said that the Centre told the Congress brass to conduct the funeral at the Nigambodh Ghat crematorium on Saturday as scheduled while it will consider the request for a memorial later. Congress sources said they had no option other than to proceed with the plan announced by the Union home ministry.

In his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kharge said: "Apropos our telephonic conversation today morning, wherein I made a request to hold Dr Singh's last rites, which will take place tomorrow at his final resting place that would be a sacrosanct venue for a memorial of the great son of India. This is in keeping with such tradition of having memorials of statesmen and former Prime Ministers at the very place of their funerals."

However, a communication from the Ministry of Home Affairs said Singh's last rites will be conducted at 11.45 am on Saturday at the Nigambodh Ghat crematorium with state honours.

Significantly, it was the UPA government headed by Singh that decided in 2013 that there would be no separate memorials for VVIPs in Delhi and decided to have a common complex for memorials of departed national leaders like Presidents, Vice Presidents and Prime Ministers.

However, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh kept up the pressure, wondering why the government could not find a location for his cremation and memorial befitting of his stature. "This is nothing but a deliberate insult to the first Sikh Prime Minister," he alleged.

Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi described Manmohan Singh's demise as a "deeply personal loss".

A condolence resolution passed by the Congress Working Committee said he was a towering figure in India's political and economic landscape whose contributions transformed the country and earned him respect worldwide.

> He left his imprint on our national life. The nation has lost an eminent statesman, renowned economist and a distinguished leader
>
> Union Cabinet resolution

MODI AMONG FIRST TO PAY HOMAGE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was among the first ones to pay homage to Singh and lay a wreath on Friday, said the death was a big loss and the nation lost an able statesman

SINGH'S FINAL PROCESSION AT 9.30 AM

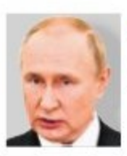
On Saturday, his mortal remains will be taken to AICC HQ at 8 am, where party cadre and the public can offer tributes. The final procession to the cremation ground will depart at 9.30 am

PERSONAL LOSS, SAYS SONIA

Terming his death a "personal loss", Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Friday said Singh was her friend, philosopher and guide. She said Singh leaves a void in the national life that can't be filled

CHAMPION OF INDO-U.S. TIES: BLINKEN

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Singh was one of the greatest champions of US-India strategic partnership who brought the two countries closer



STATESMAN LIKE NO OTHER: PUTIN

Russian President Vladimir Putin described former prime minister Manmohan Singh as an outstanding statesman who elevated India-Russia ties to greater heights

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar pay tributes to former PM Manmohan Singh in Belagavi on Friday | EXPRESS

Siddu, DKS recall Singh's contributions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

THE CPEd Ground here, which was decked up for the mega Congress convention on Friday, became the venue of the party's condolence meeting where its state leaders recalled the contributions of former prime minister Manmohan Singh for the country's growth.

Paying rich tributes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said Dr Singh was an eminent economist who served as PM for 10 years. When senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi declined to become PM, she chose Dr Singh for the top post. Dr Singh led the government at the Centre successfully.

During his tenure as finance minister in the Narasimha Rao cabinet, Dr Singh not only initiated measures that revived the Indian economy, but also its global standing.

Siddaramaiah said Dr Singh had described Karnataka's economy from 2004 to 2018 as robust. He was globally recognised as an eminent economist and had occupied prominent positions. Despite his achievements, Dr Singh lived a simple life and remained humble, the CM added.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that he would place a proposal before the CM and the higher education minister to set up a centre for economics studies and research in Bangalore University in honour of Dr Singh.

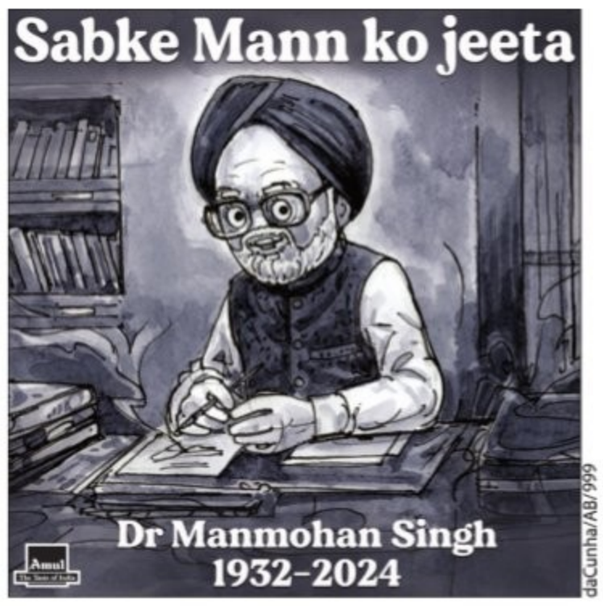
Shivakumar said Dr Singh's initiatives such as the right to education, right to health and the right to food made a big difference as far as the country's growth is concerned. The move to increase compensation for losses incurred by farmers was taken by Dr Singh. Dr Singh waived 70,000 farm loans for the first time in the country, Shivakumar added.

Several Congress leaders, including former CM Veerappa Moily, Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil spoke about the life and achievements of Dr Singh.

GOWDA PAYS HOMAGE: P4

CM, DCM FOR NEW DELHI

Soon after the condolence meeting, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar left for New Delhi to attend the funeral of Dr Singh



HOUSEHOLD SURVEY 2023-24

RURAL, URBAN CONSUMPTION GAP NARROWS

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE gap between urban and rural consumption narrowed as the average monthly per capita consumption expenditure grew 9% in nominal term in rural areas and 8% in urban areas in 2023-24, the latest household consumption data released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation showed. The gap between urban and rural consumption declined to 70% in 2023-24 from 71% in the previous year.

The household consumption survey was conducted from August 2023 to July 2024. According to the new data, monthly consumption expenditure in current prices was ₹4,122 in rural areas and ₹6,996 in urban areas in 2023-24. In the previous year, the average monthly consumption expenditure was ₹3,773 in rural areas and ₹6,549 in urban. In real terms (2011-12 price), the increase in both rural and urban consumption is only 3.5% to ₹2,079 and ₹3,632, respectively.

This paper had on December 3 reported the household consumption expenditure survey report of 2023-24 would be released soon. The government was awaiting the consumption data as it has to decide the new base year for calculating economic data such as GDP and inflation. The new base year could be either 2022-23 or 2023-24. The Consumer Price Index basket would also be changed accordingly. It is likely that the weightage of food in CPI basket will be aligned based on the consumption survey report. Currently, food has a weightage of 44.6% in the combined CPI, which tracks the retail inflation.

Average MPCE for major states

STATE	RURAL	URBAN
Kerala	6,611	7,783
Tamil Nadu	5,701	8,165
Telangana	5,435	8,978
Andhra	5,327	7,182
Karnataka	4,903	8,076
Odisha	3,357	5,825
Uttar Pradesh	3,481	5,395
Maharashtra	4,145	7,363

(MPCE: Monthly per-capita consumption expenditure)

MANMOHAN SINGH BELIEVED IN GROWTH WITH EQUITY

KAPIL SIBAL
Member of Rajya Sabha

DR Manmohan Singh belongs to an era when politicians were respected for allowing institutions to flourish. It is not as if there were no aberrations in the past. By and large, the spirit of the Constitution was honoured by those in power. Even when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister (1999-2004), he respected and heard the voice of the opposition. Narasimha Rao, on one occasion, requested Vajpayee, who was the Leader of Opposition at the time, to lead a delegation to the UN. It was during those years that Manmohan Singh, from being a bureaucrat, who served the nation in several capacities, became the Prime Minister in 2004.

The opening up of the Indian economy, when a radical shift was made in 1991, by Singh as Finance Minister with India's balance of payments in deep crisis. His economic liberalisation policy paved the way for what India is today. Every sector of the economy moved away from the licence quota raj and from a 3.3% growth rate prior to 1991, we in the 1990s witnessing India's GDP growing at 6%. Between 2004 and 2014, GDP growth averaged 7.7% with 8.1% average growth between 2004 and 2009.

Those were golden years, when India's growth story was lauded internationally and 271 million people moved above the poverty line. Economic growth during these years was tempered with equity. Singh believed that growth without equity, is not the path India should tread.

His commitment to Parliament and Parliamentary institutions was unmatched. He sat through the debates, listening to the opposition and attempted, to the extent possible, to move forward with consensus. He did not have the luxury of a brute majority in the Lok Sabha and therefore, had to navigate his policies through dialogue both with his coalition partners and the opposition. The dialogues, with his coalition partners, allowed him to make some monumental decisions.

The Right to Information Act, 2005, brought about enormous transparency in the process of decision making. With information available to citizens, government could be held accountable, making transparency a policy prescription. The Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, allowed 25% of children belonging to the poor and marginalised communities to be admitted to private schools where their education was subsidised from Class I to Class VIII. These changes in many senses recognised that unless people at the bottom of the pyramid have opportunities, India will continue to be an iniquitous society.

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EXPRESS READ

2 more Ayyappa devotees succumb, toll 4

Hubballi: Two more Ayyappa devotees, who sustained burns in a cylinder explosion and were admitted to KIMS Hospital, have succumbed to their injuries. The deceased are Raju Mugeri (21) and Lingaraj Birnoor (19). The death toll has now gone up to four.

Mumbai attack plotter Makki dies of heart attack

AGENCIES

PAKISTAN-based terrorist **Abdul Rehman Makki**, a key figure in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks that killed 174 people and injured over 300, on Friday died of a heart attack in Lahore, Pakistan. He was 70 years old and had been undergoing treatment for diabetes.

He was the brother-in-law of Mumbai attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed and the deputy chief of the banned Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD).

According to the JuD, Makki had been ill for the past few days and was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Lahore. "Makki suffered a cardiac arrest early this morning and he breathed his last in the hospital," news agency PTI quoted a JuD official as saying.

In 2020, Makki was handed six months-imprisonment in a terror financing case by an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan. However, another court in Pakistan commuted this to a paltry fine of ₹50,000. After this incident, however, Makki had been keeping a low profile. In 2023, Makki was designated as a global terrorist by the UN.

B'luru Metro services till 2.40am for NY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FOR the convenience of New Year revellers, Namma Metro will be operational till 2.40 am on January 1.

The last train from Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Metro Station (Majestic) will leave at 2.40am. The last trains from terminal stations such as Silk Institute, Madavara, Challaghatta and Whitefield (Kadugodi) will leave at 2am. However, the MG Road Metro station will be closed at 11pm to avoid overcrowding.

A press release from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said trains will run at 10-minute intervals from 11pm on December 31 till the extended operational hours on January 1. However, the MG Road Metro Station will be closed at 11 pm on December 31 to prevent overcrowding. Trains will stop at Trinity and Cubbon Park stations, the release said.

People using Metro services after 11pm from Trinity or Cubbon Park stations to any destination have been requested to purchase return journey paper tickets priced at Rs 50 instead of tokens. Metro travel cards and QR code tickets are valid. Paper tickets can be purchased at all Metro stations from 8am on December 31.

To avoid overcrowding, those proceeding towards Whitefield and Silk Institute stations have been requested to use Trinity Metro Station for boarding. People proceeding towards Challaghatta and Madavara have been requested to use Cubbon Park Metro Station.

Wheeling: 2 teens die as scooter rams truck

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TWO teenagers, who were performing dangerous stunts on a scooter, died after colliding with a truck near Vijayapura bypass road in Devanahalli taluk on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Friday morning.

The deceased have been identified as Abrez Pasha, 18, who was riding the scooter, and pillion rider Manoj, 16. Both were residents of Vijayapura town. Manoj was a Class 8 student. Pasha, who discontinued his studies, was unemployed.

Police said around 9.30am, Pasha and Manoj were performing wheelie while speeding towards 'H' Cross from Devanahalli when the accident occurred. Pasha lost control over his scooter and collided with the truck coming in the opposite direction. Pasha died on the spot. Manoj, who suffered grievous injuries, was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. Pasha did not have a driving license.

Vijayapura police have seized the scooter and registered a case against its owner.

ALMANAC TODAY
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• **Ritu:** Himantha • **Masa:** Margashira • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Thrayodasi 2.23 am
• **Nakshatra:** Anuradha 9.41 pm • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 17°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST
Broken clouds

Sunrise 06.40 am
Sunset 06.02 pm
Moonrise 04.10 am
Moonset 03.43 pm

BEAN FEST BACK

Avarebele dishes at the 25th edition of Avarebele Mela at National College Ground in Basavanagudi on Friday. The mela will conclude on January 5 | ALLEN EGENUSE J

CHOKED YERAPPANAHALLI LAKE GETS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

BBMP developed it under Shubra B'luru initiative at cost of Rs 4.05 cr

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) lake division has completed the rejuvenation of Yerappanahalli Lake in North Bengaluru, aiming to mitigate floods in upstream areas of the Hebbal-Nagawara water network during heavy rains.

Under the 'Shubra Bengaluru' initiative, the Karnataka government had allocated a grant of Rs 4.05 crore in 2021-22 for the development of the lake. Rejuvenation work began in 2022 and included silt removal, fencing, inlet improvements, shoreline protection, construction of cross-over bridge by replacing pipe culverts near weir, pathway improvements, water body fence, roadside catch drain, existing drain improvement to impound stormwater and mitigate floods, erection of entrance gates and installation of display boards.

Vijaykumar Haridas, chief engineer of lakes, BBMP stated that the initiative collectively aims to restore and maintain the ecological health of Yerappanahalli Lake, while providing a sustainable and accessible urban water body for the community. The 16.34-acre lake, which features two islands and a sedimentation pond, has suffered sewage inflows and inadequate culvert designs, leading to severe upstream flooding. "We had also planned to increase the capacity of the lake, improve water quality, enhance inlet structures and eventually minimise floods in upstream areas that fall under the Hebbal-Nagawara network that links Pennar River," said Haridas.

Yerappanahalli Lake was transferred from the Bengaluru Zilla Panchayat to BBMP in 2020. VIMOS Technocrats Pvt Ltd was hired as a technical consultant partner for the rejuvenation of the lake. Managing director, Younus Parvez noted that the lake, with a 3.20 sq km catchment area, had struggled with sewage contamination and reduced storage capacity, contributing to frequent flooding. "We created a Detailed Project Report and helped BBMP in the rejuvenation works," he added.

An aerial view of rejuvenated Yerappanahalli Lake in North Bengaluru | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

BCU OPENS ADMISSION FOR UG DIPLOMA COURSE IN JAPANESE

Bengaluru: Bengaluru City University (BCU) has opened admissions for its one-year Undergraduate Diploma Course in Japanese for academic year 2024-25. Applicants holding professional degrees or diplomas are eligible to apply. Aimed at skilled professionals, the programme is offered at the Centre of Global Languages and recognised by the Ministry of External Affairs. The university is extending a 50-per cent fee concession to students from scheduled castes (SC) and scheduled tribes (STs), along with scholarships, internship opportunities, and placement assistance for eligible candidates. The last date to submit applications is January 10. For detailed admission information, candidates can visit the university's official website.

City's nature lovers planting saplings to attract butterflies

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

BUTTERFLIES are no longer just a childhood fascination--they've captured the hearts of adults too. To restore balance to these delicate flagship species, and increase the number of butterflies, people are planting saplings that act as host plants, providing butterflies with spaces to rest and breed.

Lepidopterists note a rise not only in butterfly species but also in the diversity of host plants within cities like Bengaluru.

Renowned butterfly expert, Krushnamegh Kunte from National Centre for Biological Sciences, told TNIE that the sighting of new butterfly species is increasing in forest and urban areas, especially Bengaluru. In the last 2-3 years, four new species have been recorded in the Western Ghats. While weather influences butterfly populations, Kunte emphasised that long-term trends require further study. He was speaking during the launch of the book, 'Butterflies of India- A Checklist of Kannada Names'. While the first draft of the book was released in September, the final version was released on December 23. The book documents 246 butterfly species with their names in Kannada.

Kunte explained that the Kannada names are not just translations, but were derived from the Kannada language, reflecting species and their habitats. The book was put together by Indian Foundation for Butterfly Trust, with inputs from NCBS and other experts.

While applauding butterfly enthusiasts for creating and preserving habitats, Kunte cautioned against shrinking green spaces and urged the government to protect these habitats and plant endemic species.

Lepidopterists stated that in Bengaluru, old species which once disappeared along with new species like Orange-tailed Awl, Little Tiger Pierrot, Alida Angle and the Yamfly have made their appearances.

TOURISM

Adventure tourism picks up, but corruption irks operators, tourists

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

AMID challenges in the tourism sector, despite it gradually recovering internationally, operators in Karnataka have struggled to retain their customers this year. Though significant investments have been made on tourism infrastructure, footfalls in the state have declined compared to previous years.

While popular destinations like Mysuru, Hampi, Gokarna, Kodagu, Badami, Dandeli and Chikkamagaluru witnessed decent visitor numbers, many other locations experienced a dip in tourist entries and inquiries.

One bright spot has been the state government's Shakti scheme, which offers free bus travel to women on government buses. It boosted footfalls to different places, especially religious destinations. The Saundatti Yellamma temple emerged as the most-visited spot this year, with Kollur and Dharmasthala also witnessing a surge in women devotees.

Mismanagement of tourist spots

Karnataka boasts of a diverse range of tourism opportunities, but many sites suffer from mismanagement. Several parks and tourism facilities, constructed just a few years ago, are in a state of neglect.

For instance, a crocodile park near Dandeli built with government funds has fallen into disrepair due to lack of maintenance. "There are numerous examples where government investments in infrastructure are being wasted due to neglect," said a tourism expert.

"The tourism department and local authorities fail to monitor activities at beaches and waterfalls," added VN Naik, a retired marine biologist and coastal expert from Karwar.

He pointed to recent deaths at Karnataka's beaches as a cause for concern. "These incidents deter tourists. While the administration has increased the number of lifeguards after the fatalities, rescues are still frequently required. Tourism officials must collaborate with local authorities to ensure visitors have a safe and pleasant experience," he emphasised.

Corruption and local challenges

Rising corruption in Karnataka's tourism sector is a significant issue for both operators and tourists. Many resorts and homestays are forced to pay large sums to police and others, even when tourist traffic is low during the year-end.

Another growing concern is the presence of local mafias at certain hiking spots. For example, after a road construction project was sanctioned in an area, some jeep operators opposed the initiative to protect their livelihoods. Reports suggest that tourists attempting to explore these locations on motorbikes or personal vehicles have faced threats and even physical assaults.

Additionally, many travellers fall victim to fake advertisements for accommodations. Experts recommend improving service quality and addressing overpricing to retain tourists.

A ray of hope

Despite these challenges, there is optimism within the industry. Adventure tourism is gaining traction in Karnataka and caravan tourism sites are being established in several locations.

The tourism department has also started focusing on preserving heritage monuments and working with local authorities to promote these sites to a wider audience. With these efforts, stakeholders hope to attract more visitors in the coming months and restore Karnataka's reputation as a top tourist destination.

Fuelling India's tourism growth: Going domestic

ROHIT HANGAL
Director, Sphere Travelmedia & Exhibitions Pvt Ltd

AS the New Year dawns, Karnataka Tourism has had an interesting 2024. The state has evolved into a strong tourism product, especially post Covid, with multiple hotels, airlines and trains that had depleted their capacities during the pandemic wishing that they had doubled their existing inventory. With the economy rebounding, the travel sector has delivered to the Indian tourism industry. The entire country is in construction mode, be it greenfield airports, upgraded railway networks or highways... It is a dream come true.

The strength of Karnataka as a tourist destination lies strongly with its heritage and wildlife offerings. Currently, Karnataka has four UNESCO World Heritage sites – Hoysala temples at Belur, Halebid and Somanathpura; monuments at Hampi; temples of Pattadakal and the Western Ghats. If the temple complex of Lakkundi gets the approval of UNESCO, it could change the fortunes of the entire Gadag district. Investments in the tourism sector will go up, which will also generate employment. The state has 8–10 products that can get the UNESCO World Heritage Site tag over the next five years. Though the bidding process is thorough and tedious, it is worth the effort.

As per the tourism ministry' statistics, Karnataka attracts around 10.5% of all domestic tourist arrivals, placing it among the top four states in India. But foreign tourist arrivals are at 6.4%, putting Karnataka at the 14th spot. Largely, tourism has moved into a domestic tourism mode and it is here to stay. In its latest report, the ministry states, "India has shown a positive trajectory in domestic tourism. In 2023, 2509.63 million Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) were recorded compared to 1731.01 Million DTVs in 2022."

The era of fancy brochures, which sold packages and room nights, where tariffs were quoted in euros even for the hapless domestic traveller, has ended. The ongoing economic slowdown in India's traditional feeder market of Europe and high airline ticket costs have contributed significantly to the slowdown in inbound travel to India. The present geo-political situations with the war in Ukraine have further catalysed the fall.

Globally, governments have taken initiatives to get citizens to travel to marquee domestic destinations. One such campaign was 'No Leave, No Life' by Tourism Australia, encouraging workers to take their annual leave and see their country. The National Visitor Survey released by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia showed the campaign resulted in Australians taking 109 million overnight trips around the country spending a record $75 billion, up 14 per cent as compared to the previous year. New Zealand still considers domestic tourists as its mainstay as they make up about two-thirds of its tourism industry.

As economies around the world grapple with a slowdown, India will find it difficult to sell its ware abroad at least for the next couple of years, unless there is a sudden change in their fortunes.

We seldom have a strategy for the domestic travel market. It is always an afterthought or a back-up market. Around the world, when the going gets tough, the tough go domestic! India, despite probably being the biggest domestic travel market in the world, still metes out second-class treatment to its citizens. The road to nurture domestic markets may not be smooth, but sure deserves an effort. As a wise person once said: "Travelling in India is like flirting with life. It is like saying, 'I would stay and love you, but I have to go!"

Tourists on the premises of Vijaya Vittala Temple in Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage site, in Vijayanagara district. Hampi received a large number of tourists in December this year | EXPRESS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

28TH December: Aries rises up the celestial agenda today, which means that it's time to stop prevaricating and start acting. We should tackle all those tasks that we have been leaving until tomorrow – and the next day. It's the perfect moment to discover the joy of clearing the decks and working to the end of our to-do-lists!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon is about to pose one or two interesting questions, such as what is the best thing to do about a family or domestic dilemma. It's a day to think your problems through rather than resorting to raw emotion or Arien impatience. I mean, you don't want to upset anyone, do you?

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Money matters occupy your mind today. Splash out, by all means, but also get all your papers in order, whether insurance claims, investment plans or fancy profit-making schemes. Traditional entertainments suit the mood best, so resist attempts to persuade you to do something out-of-character.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Moon is raising the prospects of a busy, though happy, home-based weekend. The choice is yours as to whether you spend a restful time with family members or busy yourself on your favourite tasks. The guiding principle seems to be that whatever you do benefits others.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
When Mercury and Venus speak to each other, they create poetic conditions. Such delicate influences obviously appeal strongly to the subtle Cancerian personality, and may lead you to dream of exotic places or future wealth. Partners may not make much sense, though!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There is every opportunity for you to make the most of yourself socially this weekend. The stars are urging you to take the initiative and get out as much as possible. A little play would be a good thing after a hard-working week. After all, you do have to look after yourself occasionally!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Listen carefully to what other people say, and admit they have the best ideas. This is not to say that you are wrong, only that there are aspects of the current situation that you have failed to consider. And, that's a failure you'll have to remedy as soon as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The Sun is soon to form a very delicate and inspired relationship with Neptune, which means that dreams and thoughts of romance are prominent this weekend. Yet a money muddle may intervene along the way. And, when it does, you'd better take the cautious way out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is every sense in which it is right for you to argue your case. It does seem now as if you have the edge over other people when it comes to a sound reason for what it is practical and necessary to do. At least lunar alignments are still supporting you emotionally, though.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Mercury and Venus both make significant adjustments in their positions over the current period, the result being that your mood should become much lighter, frivolous and frothy, even. Certain problems will soon be pushed into the background, so don't waste your time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You are now entering a financial cycle in which partnerships will hold the key. Relationships with women seem to be potentially the most profitable, while luxuries are more desirable than necessities. Actually, it's a day to indulge your day-dreams.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The weekend is here at last, bringing all its abundant opportunities for peace and relaxation. With the Moon determined to bring out the lighter side of your character, there is plenty of scope for putting pain and problems to one side. And take advantage of an offer of help.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Mercury adjusts its position, inaugurating a period during which your mind will be on peak form. You will have no trouble persuading other people that your plans, arrangements and ideas are by far and away the best. But, next week it may look very different!

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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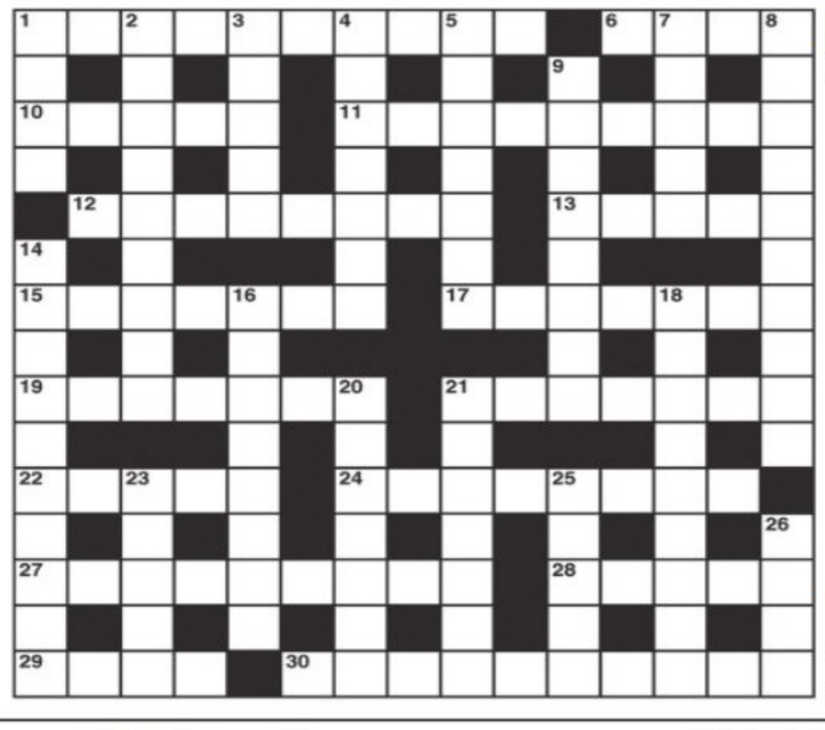

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Sundry charges for amusements (10)
6 Combined nations look into pre-Christian era (4)
10 Dog track (5)
11 It's Mexico intricately being attractive and unusual (9)
12 Piece of luck one may encounter in an orchard (8)
13 On which to write letters about the chaplain (5)
15 They may lead the masses (7)
17 Is in hides to see birds (7)
19 The personification of cunning (7)
21 Dashing fellow whose cheek has an exotic tan (7)
22 Courses for non-drivers? (5)
24 A downhill slide (8)
27 Arguing - so earning correction (9)
28 Balance between September and October (5)
29 Told to go north in a group (4)
30 Eternal state of one only having high notes? (10)

DOWN
1 Time for fruit (4)
2 Six bringing skill to practicality (9)
3 Gave a straight decision? (5)
4 Cool headgear as seen in pole positions (7)
5 Old ones like this have little sense (7)
7 I am taken in by a fat Scottish landowner (5)
8 Pay ace postmen differently (10)
9 Settlement of loss paid out (8)
14 Uncast replacements? (5,5)
16 Picture taken by a sniper perhaps (8)
18 Not heard about the Nile flowing around Dubai (9)
20 Trouble with fog in the vessel obtaining shark (7)
21 Continuous railing? (5,2)
23 Queue for transport (5)
25 Possibly loves to find the right answer (5)
26 Go by permission (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Tearful, 5 Hasty, 8 Processor, 9 Ire, 10 Ruth, 12 One-sided, 14 Touchy, 15 Tidied, 17 Subtract, 18 Stop, 21 Ada, 22 Terminate, 24 Ellen, 25 Stand by.

Down: 1 Tapir, 2 Ago, 3 Free, 4 Losing, 5 Hardship, 6 Spindrift, 7 Yielded, 11 Thumbnail, 13 Sheraton, 14 Testate, 16 Scores, 19 Piety, 20 Diva, 23 Aid.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRISK HATCH GRIMLY NEGATE
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In the election held for the post of State Government Employees' Association president on Friday, CS Shadakshari has been elected for a second consecutive term. He will be president of the prestigious organisation for the term of 2024-29. In a stiff contest, he secured 507 votes, against his opponent BP Krishne Gowda's 442 votes, a communique from election officer A Hanumanarasaiah informed

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and other Congress leaders at the condolence meeting held after the passing of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, in Belagavi on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

DKS writes to BU to set up research Centre on Singh

KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar wrote to Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar and the Bengaluru University vice-chancellor to initiate steps to set up a research centre to study the economic policies of former PM Manmohan Singh. Singh was one of the world's greatest economists. His globalisation and liberalisation policies, and discipline in governance during his tenure as Prime Minister resulted in India becoming economically strong, he said. The Right to Information Act (RTI), Right to Education Act (RTE), Food Security Act, Aadhaar and many other laws and schemes implemented during his tenure as prime minister are role models for the world, he said. Future generations need to be informed about his economic policies and country's reform measures and a detailed study needs to be done on Dr Singh and his governance and economic policies, he opined. "In the honour and memory of late Dr Manmohan Singh, I hereby suggest that necessary steps be taken to set up a research centre at Bengaluru University," he said. **ENS**

Singh pulled country out of economic distress: Gowda

JDS supremo hails late former PM for his integrity, says his passing is personal loss; 'He was a simple, honest man'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER prime minister and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda here on Friday expressed his deep sorrow over the demise of former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh, describing him as a leader who effectively brought India out of severe economic distress during his tenure as finance minister.

At a condolence meeting held at the JDS state office – JP Bhavan, Gowda recalled his first meeting with Dr Singh in 1991 during his initial tenure in the Lok Sabha. "As the finance minister in PV Narasimha Rao's government, Singh took several measures to stabilise the country's economic situation during a period of extreme crisis. India had pledged 130 tonnes of gold. It was a grim scenario, but Singh managed his responsibilities with remarkable competence," he remarked.

Former PM HD Deve Gowda and other JDS leaders observe a moment of silence for late former PM Manmohan Singh in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

Gowda admitted that he had criticised Singh and questioned many of his policies. "However, his introduction of economic reforms – liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation – brought substantial change and progress to the country. The policies attracted significant foreign direct investment to India. It was a monumental development. Before becoming finance minister, he had gained invaluable global experience, making him an exceptional economist," he said.

"Singh was a simple, honest and sincere individual. Beyond political affiliations, we remember him for his integrity. He was a statesman and a senior leader who served the country for decades. His passing is a great personal loss for me. May God grant his soul eternal peace and his family the courage to endure this sorrow," he said.

On behalf of him and JDS, his son and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy will pay respects to Singh in New Delhi, he said. A posse of party leaders, including former minister CS Puttaraju, Venkatarao Nadagouda, MLC KA Thippeswamy, HM Ramesh Gowda, former MLA Lingesh and party workers, attended the meeting.

BJP MLC CT Ravi and MLA Munirathna at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on Friday

Ravi meets Munirathna, says Cong is bringing 'goonda raj' in K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BJP MLC CT Ravi met Rajarajeshwari Nagar MLA Munirathna here on Friday, and alleged that the attacks on both of them recently, were testimony to Karnataka turning into a "goonda raj", under Congress rule.

After BJP state president BY Vijayendra visited Munirathna, who was attacked with an egg recently, in hospital, Ravi called on the RR Nagar MLA at his residence and expressed solidarity with him.

"The attack on Munirathna, who was elected as our party's MLA in a democratic way, is unfortunate. Whoever is responsible should face the consequences through the law. It is not right to attack him. At a time when Mahatma Gandhi is being remembered, they (Congress leaders) are indulging in hooliganism and transforming Karnataka into a goonda raj," he alleged.

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> CT Ravi, BJP MLC

Ravi observed that the attack on him and Munirathna were fresh examples of the state of affairs in Karnataka. "The Constitution has provided us fundamental rights, but they (police) took them away from me and violated rules of the Human Rights Commission. I come from a background of struggle. I have not turned my back, not have I done anything wrong. I am not a goon. Indira Gandhi imposed the Emergency and held power in her fist, what happened then?" he asked.

He alleged that there was an abuse of power, as there was no ground for his arrest by the police in connection with his alleged derogatory remarks against minister Laxmi Hebbalkar. "The Council Chairman has the ultimate authority, being the custodian of the House, but the government violated the rules even after the chairman gave the ruling to adjourn the House," he elaborated, stating that he was arrested and treated inhumanely, for which he will not run away, or turn his back.

Meanwhile, Munirathna told reporters that he was informed by Ravi that the latter had apprised the BJP top brass in New Delhi about the recent incidents. He offered his rival Kusuma Hanumantharayappa, to take an oath at the Adichunchanagiri Kalabhairaveshwara temple to prove the allegations against him, stating that he was framed in a fake rape case.

"I too will visit the temple, let her come and take an oath that she doesn't know the woman who filed the false rape case against me. I also have daughters, besides a 15-year-old granddaughter. How can they file such a false case against me? I have brought this matter to the attention of the high command. I am with the party and the party is with me," he said.

"Ravi told me that there is no need to be afraid, but one should abide by the court's verdict. He also said that the party is with me, as he had conveyed the entire matter to the BJP leadership in New Delhi. My rights as an MLA are being snatched, and they are doing this so that I may not go to my constituency. DCM DK Shivakumar has also been to Tihar Jail, and is now out on bail," he said.

BJP VS BJP

Yatnal & co plan to address Waqf issue on their own

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

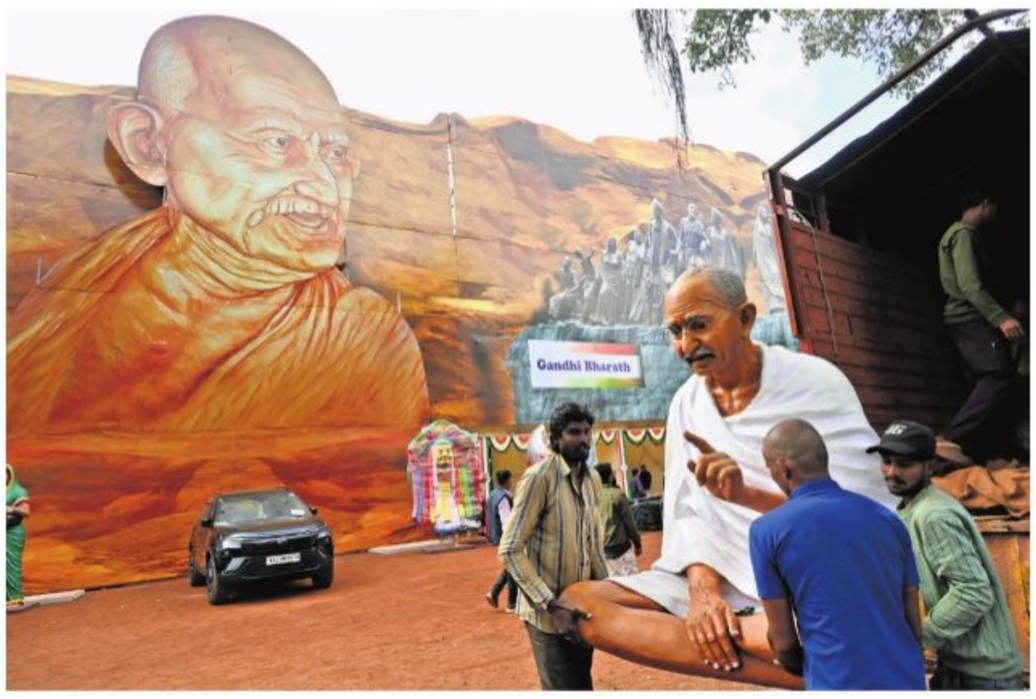
EVEN as the BJP state chief BY Vijayendra gave all indications of taking up the issues that affected the party's leaders and the public in general, his 'rival' camp within the BJP, led by senior leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, has chalked out a plan to take its struggle forward, with regard to the Waqf properties' row on its own.

The 'rival' camp, including Yatnal, Ramesh Jarkiholi, senior leader Aravind Limbavali, former Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, former CM BS Yediyurappa's grand nephew NR Santhosh, who allegedly has strained his relationship with Vijayendra, among others, held a meeting at former minister Kumar Bangarappa's residence here on Thursday. Apart from the issue of the Waqf Board allegedly encroaching lands of farmers, mutts, and the people, the leaders also discussed political developments within the party. These members are likely to visit the national capital in January as a delegation, to submit certain pieces of information they have gathered to the JPC on the Waqf Bill, headed by Jagadamika Pal. At the same time, the delegation is likely to meet the BJP high command, sources said. It may be noted here that Yatnal was served with a show-cause notice for his attack on the party's state leadership, including Vijayendra and his father and BJP parliamentary board member, former CM Yediyurappa.

> **It is not a meeting of dissidents, but to discuss the serious issue pertaining to Waqf properties. We are continuing our struggle against the state government and the Waqf Board by visiting the affected people in various districts**
>
> Aravind Limbavali, BJP leader

"It is not a meeting of dissidents, but to discuss the serious issue pertaining to Waqf properties. We are continuing our struggle against the state government and the Waqf Board by visiting the affected people in various districts. Those who want to join us in this mission are welcome or else they can take up the struggle on their own, independently," Limbavali said, revealing that they are planning to hold a convention of the affected people, either in Belagavi or Davanagere.

Meanwhile, Vijayendra's supporters are also planning a separate meeting to counter the 'rival' camp, sources added. "At a time when BJP MLC CT Ravi's spat with minister Laxmi Hebbalkar has turned a factor to bind different factions of the BJP, separate meetings by different factions only indicates rivalry within the party," a leader observed.



IN MOURNING

The venue where the Congress was celebrating the centenary of the 1924 Congress Session wears a deserted look, after the event was cancelled in the wake of the passing of former PM Manmohan Singh, in Belagavi on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Progressive leaders plan rally to counter RSS-BJP meet

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

IN a turn of events, Kalaburagi is on the brink of becoming the epicenter of an ideological standoff that promises to make a deep impression on Karnataka's political landscape. As right-wing groups, led by former RSS-BJP leader KN Govindacharya and former MP Basavraj Patil Sedam of Bharat Vikas Sangam, prepare for a mega programme scheduled between January 29 and February 6, a coalition of progressive leaders has vowed to launch their own gathering – "Souharda Bharat Utsava," – kicking off on January 17.

But this is no ordinary counter-protest. According to Lingayat scholar Prof Meenakshi Bali, "We do not want to stop them, but we would like to ensure that if there is any possible communalisation, we would work to ensure that the right-wing rally becomes "unfruitful" and dismantle its very purpose."

Bali revealed that crucial preparatory meetings were already held in Bengaluru on December 19 and subsequent strategy sessions in Davangere, Vijayapura and other towns.

Yet, the progressive movement faces an uphill battle in sourcing funds. While reports claimed that the right-wing is pouring vast sums of money into their event, the progressive leaders are left scrambling to make their event a reality. "We are pooling together the little we have," Bali lamented.

The stakes couldn't be higher. Asked about Congress support, Bali said, "Congress has no strategy. They don't understand what's at stake here," accusing the party of failing to recognise the dire need for a unified progressive response.

Meanwhile, MP Basavraj Patil Sedam, the key figure behind the January 29 event, dismissed the opposition as a mere sideshow. "This is a major event planned by Govindacharya through Bharat Vikas Sangam. It's the seventh in a series of gatherings held every three years," Sedam said. "The previous events had a huge turnout. In Kalaburagi, we're expecting 25 lakh participants."

On the protest rally, he said, "We're not paying attention to them. We don't care for their protests."

But lecturer Prof RK Hudugi, one of the organisers of the progressive protest, alleged that this event is a precursor to something far larger.

"Next year, RSS celebrates its centenary. This event is a preparatory programme for their mega centenary celebration," he added.

Delay in min's post, Nagendra's followers start online campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Ballari

FOLLOWERS of Ballari Rural MLA and former minister **B Nagendra** are angry that the Siddaramaiah government recently announced that there would be no cabinet expansion in the near future, putting an end to aspirations of their leader becoming a minister again. But during the campaigning for the Sandur by-election, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had said Nagendra would be made a minister.

Nagendra had to resign from his minister's post as his name cropped up in the alleged misappropriation of money in the Valmiki ST Welfare Corporation. He was released on bail last month and his presence during the bypoll campaigning played a big role in the Congress candidate, Annapoorna Tukaram, winning.

A follower of Nagendra argued that even if there is no cabinet expansion, Nagendra should be given the ministerial berth. "We have started a campaign on social media for his induction in the cabinet," he added.

Seer demands impartial probe into contractor's suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

THREE prominent personalities of Kalaburagi demanded an impartial inquiry into the suicide of Bidar contractor Sachin Panchal. The three – pontiff of Karuneshwara Mutt of Andola Siddalinga Swamiji – who is also the honorary president of the state unit of Sri Rama Sene, Kalaburagi Rural MLA Basavaraj Mattimudu and BJP Kalaburagi city president Chandu Patil – wanted the investigating agency to seriously consider the letter Panchal allegedly wrote before his suicide

Pontiff of Karuneshwara Mutt of Andola, Siddalinga Swamiji, and others address a press conference in Kalaburagi on Friday | EXPRESS

Panchal's letter mentions that the three personalities face a death threat. Addressing the media on Friday, they said that Panchal died by suicide as he was facing a threat from powerful political leaders.

Panchal died by suicide on Thursday, and he stated in his letter that he resorted to the extreme step as he was under pressure from Raju Kapnoor and his friends to pay Rs 1 crore. As Kapnoor is the follower of a powerful minister, the issue should not be taken lightly, the three personalities said.

BJP district (rural) president Shivaraj Patil Raddewadagi and former MLC Amarnath Patil, who were present at the press conference, said BJP will file a complaint with the Kalaburagi police commissioner.

2 BIDAR HEAD CONSTABLES SUSPENDED

BIDAR: Two head constables, attached to Gandhi Gunj police station of Bidar city, have been suspended for not acting promptly in the case involving the suicide of contractor Sachin Panchal, said Bidar Superintendent of Police Pradeep Gunti here on Friday. He said Panchal of Katti Tugaon village, who committed suicide on Thursday, had stated in his death note that he was taking the extreme step as he was being harassed by former corporator from Kalaburagi, Raju Kapnoor, and others. Even as the letter went viral on social media and as Panchal was untraceable, his family members approached Gandhi Gunj police station to file a missing person complaint. But head constables Rajesh Chelwa and Shamala, who were on duty at Gandhi Gunj police station, instead of registering the complaint and filing an FIR, asked the family members to file the complaint at Dhannur police station as Katti Tugaon village comes under the jurisdiction of that station. The two personnel have been suspended pending a departmental inquiry for failing to carry out their duty, the SP said. **ENS**

Woman at large after extorting contractor with fake CCB cops

Three held for assaulting, threatening to 'arrest' man in prostitution racket

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THREE people, who extorted a 57-year-old civil contractor in an elaborate con masterminded by a woman, have been arrested by the Byadarahalli police. The arrested are Jayaraj, Ajay and Santosh. The main accused, Nayana, and three of her other accomplices are still at large.

The victim, a resident of Vinayaka Layout in Ullala, filed a police complaint on Monday. The incident happened on December 9 at the main accused Nayana's house in Tunganagar on Magadi Road.

The victim was introduced to Nayana through their common friend. She gained the victim's trust by claiming that she is a single mother and her child has health issues.

She then started taking money from the victim for her child's treatment. The complainant is said to have given Rs 15,000 in total to her for the treatment.

"The main accused started inviting the victim to her house for tea. On December 9, when he was going on his two-wheeler on Magadi Road, she approached him and invited him to her house. After the victim went to her house, her accomplices barged in a few minutes later masquerading as CCB sleuths. They assaulted him and took off his clothes. They then took his pictures threatening to arrest him in a prostitution racket. The accused demanded Rs 2 lakh from the victim. They also robbed him off his gold chain and gold finger ring. They took Rs 29,000 in cash that was with him and also transferred Rs 26,000 from his phone to their bank account," said an officer.

The accused later went away in an auto and Nayana also went behind them. The victim was unaware that Nayana was the mastermind and believed that the men were real policemen.

Later when Nayana called him, he requested her to accompany him to the police station to file a complaint.

She then threatened to bring her child to his house and tell his family that both of them were into a physical relationship. Following the threat from her, the victim realised that he has been trapped. A fortnight after the incident, the victim filed a police complaint after taking legal help.

A case of extortion (308(2)), criminal intimidation (351(2)) along with other sections of BNS has been registered against the accused. Further investigations are on.

FOR A CAUSE

A group of bikers from the Tibetan Youth Congress reached the city on Friday, covering 11 states, calling upon the international community to exert pressure on China to cease its "unlawful" actions in Tibet | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

2 sub-registrars suspended for illegal registration of properties

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

TWO sub-registrars of the department of stamps and registration in Bengaluru have been placed under suspension for not adhering to the rules laid down by the state government in connection with property registration. The duo, in different offices, continued to carry out registrations using physical khatas that had been banned by the government for the last two months.

Kumari Roopa, sub-registrar at Kacharakanahalli office in Nagawara, and N Manjunath, senior sub-registrar at Hesaraghatta in Bengaluru North taluk, were placed under suspension on December 24 for illegal registrations, said multiple sources in the registration department.

To ensure transparency in registrations across the state, the chief secretary had on October 7, 2024, issued an order mandating that only e-khata certificates need to be used as a valid document to complete any property registration. The order was to come into effect from October 28, 2024.

TNIE has one of the orders by the Inspector General of Stamps and Registration K A Dayananda to the secretary, revenue department and all the district registrars notifying them about the suspension of Kumari Roopa. The orders stated that between October 7,2024, and November 26, 2024, she had carried out 157 "illegal registrations" by accepting the manual khata certificate.

It questioned as to how it was done and wanted to know how many people were involved in facilitating it. A team had been constituted to probe the issue, it added. The letter also questioned if there were loopholes in the Kaveri 2.0 software which allowed this to take place.

Manjunath too was suspended for the same reason. It is not clear how many properties he had registered using the physical khata.

A senior official in the registration department said work was not impacted in both the offices as on date since Thursday was a closed holiday due to Christmas and Friday was declared a holiday due to the passing away of former PM Manmohan Singh.

Headmaster ends life, blames relative

EXPREASS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 59-year-old headmaster of a government high school ended his life by hanging himself at his residence in Byadarahalli on Thursday, leaving behind a death note holding a relative responsible for his death.

The deceased has been identified as Narasimhamurthy, a resident of Hosahalli Road in Byadarahalli. He was the headmaster of Jadigenahalli High School in Hoskote.

The police said Murthy ended his life on Thursday night and his family members found him hanging in his room on Friday morning and alerted the police.

Murthy owned 25 guntas of land in Tunganagar on Magadi Road. His relative, Sathish, had agreed to purchase the land for Rs 10 crore and had signed an agreement. However, Murthy alleged in his death note that Sathish had paid only Rs 10 lakh for the land, refused to pay the remaining amount and illegally acquired the property. He also claimed that Sathish had threatened him, the police said.

Speaking to reporters, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) S Girish said, "There was a civil dispute between Murthy and his relative, and the case is under trial in court. The police have collected the death note and registered a case under section 108 (abetment of suicide) of the BNS and under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act." Further investigation is on.

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CRIME PATROL

Actor arrested for sexually assaulting artiste

Bengaluru: The Rajarajeshwari Nagar police have arrested Kannada actor Charith Balappa for allegedly assaulting and sexually harassing a 29-year-old woman. Balappa is known for acting in the Kannada serial 'Muddulakshmi' and has also worked in some Telugu serials. The police said the woman, a small-time actor, filed a complaint alleging that the actor, along with associates, barged into her residence recently and subjected her to harassment. He allegedly demanded money from her and threatened to release her private photos and videos on WhatsApp groups of television artistes if she didn't heed his demands, the police said. Based on her complaint, the actor was arrested and was produced before a court, which remanded him in judicial custody. ENS

Senior citizen fall off scooter, run over by vehicle

Bengaluru: A 62-year-old retired bank employee died on the spot after coming under the wheels of an unidentified vehicle at Sirsi Circle flyover on Friday morning. Traffic was disrupted on the flyover for sometime after the accident. The deceased has been identified as Shankar Jetti. Police said around 1pm, Jetti, who was riding a scooter towards Sirsi Circle, fell on the road after losing control over his vehicle. He was run over by the unidentified vehicle that was behind him. Chamarajpet traffic police have registered a case. ENS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mr. P.V. Govindaraju, residing at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore-560103 has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 03.01.2022, executed by Ambli Yogesh and M/s. Adarsh Developers, represented by its partner B.M. Karunesh in favour of P.V. Govindaraju, registered as document No. INR-1-09484/2021-22, in Book I and stored in CD No.INRD976, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangalore, in respect of the property bearing Sy.No.46/6, (Old Sy.No.46), measuring 13 ¼ guntas & ½ guntas of A karab out of 1 acre 28 guntas and 2 ½ guntas of A karab, situated at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. A police complaint dated 18.12.2024 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Fifteen** days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his like.

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MISSING

Raveendran M.S@MS S/o Bhargavi aged 59/2024 Muttanthundiyil House, Vaypoor Post, Anikkad Village Pathanamthitta District, Kerala state is missing from his home since 12-09-2024. A case as Crime 692/24 U/s 57 of Kerala Police Act is registered in Keezhvaypur Police station, Pathanamthitta regarding this. The missing persons is of 166 Cms Height. Black skin complexion and Lean body type. He was wearing a black dhothi and a blue coloured check design shirt at the time of missing. If any information regarding him, request to inform Station House Officer Keezhvaypur Police Station- 9497980230, 9497931384, 04692682226, 9497987054

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Expression of Interest (EoI) is invited from reputed, professional and registered firms/companies/agencies, to partner with Kerala Tourism as ICT solution provider, in its various Information & Communication Technology related marketing and promotional activities. The agency should be able to assist Tourism Department of Kerala to maintain the brand equity of the State and ensure that it can overcome competition from national and international destinations.

Category no.	Title of Agency	E-Tender ID no.	Tender Ref no.
1	ICT Solution Provider	2024_TOUR_719723_1	DOT_205_2024_RS1

The firms/agencies should have tourism domain expertise, creative competency, adequate exposure and qualified & experienced manpower to handle the various aspects of tourism marketing and promotion, ranging from research to conceptualization of ICT tools, from creative content development to execution of ICT related projects.

The entire procedure of bidding will be as E-Tender. Interested firms/companies/agencies may log on to **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** or www.keralatourism.org. Last date and time for the receipt of EoI - **6.00 pm** on **13/01/2025**

28-12-2024 Sd /- Director, Kerala Tourism

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Badineni Anil Kumar/ Badineni Vijaya/ LBWNL00005030695	(As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering The Existing House With Open Place of Bearing Gwmc H.No. 17-5-107, Situated at Water Tank, Kareemabad, Warangal City & District (Urban) to An Extent of 269.47 Sq. Yards., (or) 225.30 Sq. Mts., and Within The Limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation, and Within The Registration District Warangal And Within The Jurisdiction of Joint Sub-registrar office, Warangal-fort North:H. No. 17-5-108 of M. Laxmi South: 15'-0" Wide Road East: H. No. 17-5-104/1 of B. Rajender and Open Plot of K. Mallaiah West: 15-0" Wide Road/ Symbolic Posseesion on 24.12.2024	31/07/2024 Rs. 10,14,031.00/-	Warangal

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: December 27, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre
(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India.)
Opp. Wadi Police Station. Amravati Road, Wadi Nagpur- 440 023.
www. jnarddc.gov.in

भर्ती सूचना / Recruitment Notice - JNARDDC

Advt. No. 44 / 2024 (November-2024 Amended)

JNARDDC, Nagpur a "Centre of Excellence" for research in the field of bauxite, alumina and aluminium invites applications from Indian nationals for the following posts.

Post	No. of post & reservation status	Pay Matrix Level as per 7th CPC	Upper Age Limit (as on the date of issue of this advt.)	Essential Qualification and Experience
Section Officer (A/C & Admin)	One - UR	Level - 7 (Rs. 44,900 -1,42,400)	35 Years	• At least II class degree of a recognized university with 8 (eight) years experience relating to establishment / administration / accounts in reputed organizations (preferably in a research institute) in supervisory capacity; • Preference to persons with Diploma in Business Mgnt. / Personnel Mgnt.
Scientific Assistant-II	Two - UR	Level - 5 (Rs. 29,200 - 92,300)	30 years	• B.Sc. / Diploma in Engineering/Technology of three years duration or Equivalent; • Three years relevant experience
Scientific Assistant-I	One - ST	Level - 4 (Rs. 25,500 - 58,500)	25 years	• B.Sc. / Diploma in Engineering/Technology of three years duration or Equivalent;
Lab Assistant	One - OBC	Level - 2 (Rs. 19,900 - 63,200)	28 Years	• SSC with ITI Trade Certificate/National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) O R • HSC (12th) Science (Physics/Chemistry/Maths should be one of the main subjects in 12th Science)

Applications are to be ***submitted online only.*** Detailed terms and conditions are available in the Centre's website www.jnarddc.gov.in under the sub-head Career. **Non-refundable** application fees is Rs.500/-. (SC/ST/PWD/Ex-Servicemen/Women candidates are exempted from payment of fees). The last date for submission of online applications is **21 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in Employment News.**

Sr. Administrative Officer

Union Bank of India
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (Bangalore South)
 # 2/3, Raja Building, N.R Road, Bengaluru -560 002.
E-mail : ubin0555991@unionbankofindia.bank Contact No: 8369255990.

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]
Notice of 30 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches. Secured Creditor will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** basis, by Public E-Auction on **29.01.2025 from 12.00 P.M to 5.00 P.M** for recovery of dues as mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of immovable secured assets	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1	**1) Mr Vasu Vijaykumar** S/o Vijay Kumar C, No.23,Ground Floor, 4th Stage, Panchasheela Block, BEML Block, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **Also at: A)** No.25, Present BBMP Khata No.592/14/5,13/8/25, Sy.No.14/5, Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560062, **B)** No.5, 2nd Main Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-urban Dist, Bangalore-560025. **C) M/s C B Enterprices,** No.268/4/1, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, K B Nagara, Pipe line West, Mysore Road, bangalore-560026. **2) Mr. Vijay Kumar C** S/o Poojari Chikkanna, Kottagara Halli, Gejjagaraguppe, Ramanagar-562120. **Also at:** No.23,Ground Floor, 4th Stage, Panchasheela Block, BEML Block, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098,	**Property No.1 :** All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential property being a vacant corner site bearing No.49 , carved out of (i) converted Sy No. 14/5 measuring 0.10 Guntas (Duly converted from agriculture to Non agriculture residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. B DIS.ALN.SR(S)40/1994-95 Dated 27.08.1994 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore- Dist Bangalore and (ii) Converted Sy No.13/8 measuring 0.10 Guntas and (Duly converted from agriculture to Non agriculture residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. B DIS.ALN.SR(S)37/1994-95 Dated 10.08.1994 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore- Dist Bangalore) situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore- South Taluk presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.194-Gottigere, together with all rights, appurtenance, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface. Measuring East to West : 30.00 Feet, North to South 40.00 Feet totally measuring 1200 Sqft and bounded on : East by: Road, West by: Site bearing No.50, North by : Road, South by :Site bearing No.48. **Property No.2 :** All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential property being a vacant site bearing No.50 , carved out of (i) converted Sy No. 14/5 measuring 0.10 Guntas (Duly converted from agriculture to Non agriculture residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. B DIS.ALN.SR(S)40/1994-95 Dated 27.08.1994 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore- Dist Bangalore and (ii) Converted Sy No.13/8 measuring 0.10 Guntas and (Duly converted from agriculture to Non agriculture residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. B DIS.ALN.SR(S)37/1994-95 Dated 10.08.1994 issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore- Dist Bangalore) situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore- South Taluk presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.194-Gottigere, together with all rights, appurtenance, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface. Measuring East to West : 30.00 Feet, North to South 40.00 Feet totally measuring 1200 Sqft and bounded on : East by: Site bearing No.49, West by: Site bearing No.51, North by : Road, South by :Site bearing No.47.	**Rs. 59,84,221.76 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One and Seventy Six Paisa only) as on 30/11/2024**	**Rs. 1,40,25,000/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand only)**	**Rs. 14,02,500/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred only)**

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **on https://baanknet.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **on https://baanknet.com** by using their mobile number and valid Email:id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the **Branch Manager of Union Bank of India. Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru Contact No. 8369255990** for inspection of property and also visit the above mentioned website for ascertaining the details of auction.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 26.12.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Establishment of 132/33 kV Pimpalner Substation, Tal. Sakri, Dist. Dhule along with associated transmission line under Nashik Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra."

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website. **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 19.12.2024.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL.

punjab national bank

Circle Sastra : No.26-27,
Raheja Towers, (I Floor), M.G. Road,
Bangalore-560001. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING LOST DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the public that the following documents have bee reported lost and are considered invalid. Any person who finds these documents is advised not to use them for any transactions or dealings. Instead, please return the documents to the undersigned.

List of Document : Original Sale Deed Registered Vide RJN-1-03605-2015-16 Dated 23.09.2015 in SRO Rajajinagar in favour of Sri P Sridhar.

Note : Using or attempting to use any of the listed documents for personal gain or fraudulent purposed is illegal. The public is urged to act responsibly and report any information related to these documents to the undersigned.

Date : 28.12.2024
Place : Bangalore

For Punjab National Bank
(AUTHORISED OFFICER)

Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — Syndicate

REGIONAL OFFICE-HAVERI
Sri Daneshwari Motors Compound, #153/A, Near Fire Brigade, Haveri-Hangal Raod, HAVERI-581110

POSSESSION NOTICE [Section 13(4)] (for Immovable

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated: **23.09.2024** calling upon the borrower/co-borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagor **VIJAYKUMAR K CHALAGERI, MUTTURAJ N CHALAGERI, NAGARAJ THARAKESHWARAPPA CHALAGERI, BHAGYAMMA NAGARAJ CHALAGERI, CHAITRA NAGARAJ CHALAGERI, SHILPA SHIVAPRAKASH KANCHIKERI & B M SOMASHEKHAR PATEL** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.10,25,72,865.72 (Rupees Ten Crores Twenty Five Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Seventy Two Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **23rd** day of **December** of the year **2024**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. 17,35,91,585.89** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property.

Property **Sy No. 21** site No. 202/40, PID No. 40-508-992, Assesment No. 649/25/19/202/40 situated at Gullobanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanhalli Tq, Bangalore Rural District. Extent – 1114.8360 SQMT. **Boundaries:East– SITE NO. 202/41, West – ROAD, North– SITE NO. 202/39, South – ROAD**

Date:23.12.2024
Place:Bangaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
CANARA BANK

GOVT. TOOL ROOM & TRAINING CENTRE

GTTC

(An Indo-Danish Project)
Rajajinagar Industrial Area, Bengaluru-560 010.
Phone : 080-23157189, Fax : 080-23301683
Website: www.karnataka.gov.in/gttc Email: gttc.projects@karnataka.gov.in

No. GTTC/PROJ/CIVIL-ELE/WORKS/BD-138&139/2024-25 **Date: 26.12.2024**

SHORT TERM e-Tender Notification

Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC) invites tender for the following works through e-Procurement.

No.	BD No.	GTTC Centre	Work Details
1	138	Rona	Establishment of new GTTC Training Centre at Rona, Gadaga District.
2	139	Varuna	Construction of GTTC Multi Skill Development Centre at VTU Campus at Varuna, Mysuru District.

Tender documents will be available on the e-Portal from **30.12.2024** and the last date for submission (to upload) of filled tender documents on the e-portal is **31.01.2025 upto 5.30 pm.** For more details, please visit the e-Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the helpline number : **080-23010900 / 080-23010901** during office hours.

Sd/-
Managing Director

DIPR/CP/YC/3986/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No 1 Plot No-B3, WIFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West)- 400604

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Vishakha Kamble/ Raghunath Vishnu Kamble/ (LBTNE00005399505)"/ Room No. 8, Shivraj CHS, Sunil Nagar, Nandivali Road, Dombivli East, Behind Parag Banglow, Thane- 421201	Flat 404, 4th Floor, Nanu Park, Samarth Nagar, Near Swami Samarth Math, Survey No. 12, Hissa No. 2/1, 3/A, Village Nandivli, Panchanand Dombivli East, Taluka Kalyan, Thane- 421203	Dec.03.2024 Rs. 30,26,143.84/-	06-09-2024
2.	Sagar Hemaraj Fegade/ Pratibha Hemraj Fegade/ (LBPUN00005448710)" /123/3, Nisarg Housing Society, Gurudwara Road, Walhekarwadi, Akurdi, Maharashtra, Pune- 411033	Flat No. 106, 1st Floor, B Wing, Lotus Pinnacle, Survey No. 17, Hissa No. 1A, Village Mamudri, Within The Limits of The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Taluka Haveli, Maharashtra, Pune- 412101	Dec.11.2024 Rs. 16,59,675.08/-	03-10-2024
3.	Danish Rafique Janwadkar/ Nuzhat Danish Janwadkar/ (LBPUN00005450299)"/s. No. 53, Shriram Chowk, Near Pitashri Ashram, Near Kondhawa Davakhana, Kondhwa Khurd, Maharashtra, Pune- 411048	Flat No. 801, 8th Floor, Building No. B, Nirmaan Aasamant Co-operative Housing Society Limited Pune, Survey No. 19, Hissa No. 1/1A/1A/1 and Survey No. 19, Hissa No. 1/2, Village Kondhwa Budruk, Taluka Haveli, Maharashtra, Pune- 411048	Dec.07.2024 Rs. 69,49,378.99/-	03-10-2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: December 27, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to public that my clients Mr. **SYED MUYEEZ** S/o. Syed Khasim and **Mr.** MUFEEZ, S/o. Syed Khasim, they are purchased the property through Sale Agreement on 24th December 2024 from Smt. SHANTHABAI, W/o. Late Hanuman Singh, and Smt. LATHA.H and Smt. SAVITHA BALH are the absolute owners of the schedule property bearing No. Sy.No.104, Old Site No. 1, New No. 141, P.I.D. No. 42-40-141 Situated at Bapujinagara, Guddahalli Layout, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 32+40/2, and North to South: 40 Feet in all totally measuring 1440 Sq.ft The above said purchasing property any legal heirs or successors or any claim person having right, title interest of the schedule property contract within **15 days** along with documents from the date of this notification. And contract my phone number.

H.G. VENKATARAMU, Advocate
No.717/8, 6th A Main, Srinigar, Bangalore-560050.
Mob No: 9448324253,
Date: 27-12-2024

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Bangalore-560001. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

A/Cs- 1796300002578

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Punjab National Bank - BO: Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore (SOL: 392500)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **31-08-2024** calling upon **Mrs. Veena Gupta & Mr. Paresh Gupta** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being the dues of **Rs.44,44,772.87 (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Eighty Seven only)** as on **30-08-2024** with further interest from **30-08-2024** until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/ date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ mortgagor/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **26-12-2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for an amount of **Rs. 44,44,772.87 (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Eighty Seven only)** being the dues as on **30-08-2024** and interest/charges from **30-08-2024.**

The borrower's / guarantor's / mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of immovable Property : Facility : Term Loan, Housing Security : All that piece and parcel of Flat measuring 1100 sq.ft.(built up) (Including one car parking space) property bearing flat No.101, in the Ground Floor, of the Apartment building known as "Sapthagiri Nilaya", together with 240 sq.ft. undivided share of land, constructed site No. 36, Old Katha No. 55/3, present BBMP Katha No. 1776/145/36, property No. 55/3, situated at Gubbalalu village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently under jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 40 ft, North to South 60 ft., totally measuring about 2400 sq.ft. with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : **East by :** Site No.37: **West by :** Site No.35: **North by :** Road: **South by :** Jayanagar Co-op. Society Property.

Date : 28.12.2024
Place : Bangalore

For Punjab National Bank (SECURED CREDITOR)
Chief Manager (AUTHORISED OFFICER)

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DISTRICT URBAN DEVELPOMENT CELL, D.C. OFFICE UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARWAR-581 301

Telephone: 08382 221170 Email: ka.uttarakannada.dudc@gmail.com

No: UK/DUDC/AmrutNagarothanaPhase-4/CR/2024-25 **Dated: 24-12-2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, District urban Development Cell, Uttar Kannada district, Karwar invites tenders from eligible KPWD Registered contractors for Amruth Nagarothan-4 Project work as per KTPP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below through KPPP Portal **(http:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Uploading of tender documents on **24-12-2024 at 16.00 hrs**, Pre bid Meeting / Tender for clarification date: **03-01-2025 at 11:00 hrs,** Last date for uploading of completed tender documents on **10-01-2025 at 17.00 hrs**, Opening of Technical Bid: **13-01-2025 at 17.30 hrs** & Opening of Financial Bid: **15-01-2025 at 16.00 hrs.**

ULB Name	Indent Number
CMC Sirsi	Indent No.DMA/2024-25/BD/ WORK_INDENT 32128/ Call-2
TMC Ankola	Indent No. DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 33393
CMC Dandeli	Indent No. DMA/2024-25/WS/ WORK_INDENT33366
	Indent No.DMA/2024-25/BD/ WORK_INDENT 32507
TMC Haliyal	Indent No. DMA/2024-25/ OW/ WORK_INDENT27820/ Call-3

All other required tender information may be availed from the website **http:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** and **http://www.uttarakannadadudc.mrc.gov.in/**.or Project Director, DUDC, UK Office .

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
District Urban Development Cell
DC Office, U.K. District, Karwar

DIPR/ADK/MCA/673/24-25 dt. 26.12.2024

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

REGIONAL OFFICE WEST
Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main,
15th Cross Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560055.

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by holding public auction for **recovery of Rs 1,68,99,699.42 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Nine Rupees and Forty Two Paise only) as on 26.12.2024 and interest and other charges there on from 27.12.2024** due to **Peenya II Stage Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **Borrower(s): (1) M/s KAL Engineering, Represented by its Proprietor Mrs Meghana B S,** registered office at No.3, Sy No 8/1C, Herohally Village, Nadakerappa Industrial Area, Veerabhadreshwara Nagar, Bengaluru -560091 **(2) Mrs. Meghana B S (Proprietor)** W/o Sri Prasanna Kumar D S, No 40, 2nd Main, Karnataka Layout, Basaveshwaranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560079 **(3) Mr. Prasanna Kumar D S** S/o Sri Srinivas Gowda D K, No.5, 2nd B Main Road, Nanjappa Layout, Adugodi, Jannapura, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru–560030 **(Guarantor).**

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited on or before **29.01.2025 before 4.00 pm** through online **BAANKNET** portal **https://baanknet.com/.**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable / movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental Value
1	**Item No. I:** All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Northern Portion of the property bearing Site No.03, (carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No.8/1C, vide Conversion Order bearing No. B.DIS/ALN/SR(N)139/1993-94 dated 25/05/1994) situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, earlier within the jurisdiction of Herohalli Gram Panchayat & Khaneshumari No 1963/1, 1964/2 & 1965/3, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and have assigned Katha No 1965/03, Herohally Ward, Ward No 72, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 74 feet and North to South 26.5 feet, in all measuring 1961 sq.ft. with building constructed thereon and property standing in the name of Mr D S Prasanna Kumar and Smt. B S Meghana and bounded on the: East by : Property belongs to Sri. Krishnappa, West by : Road, North by : Property bearing No.2 belongs to Sri. M. Venkatesh, South by : Remaining portion of the Property bearing Site No 3. together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface. **Item No II:** All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Southern Portion of the property bearing Site No.03, (carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No.8/1C, vide Conversion Order bearing No. B.DIS/ALN/SR(N)139/1993-94 dated 25/05/1994) situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, earlier within the jurisdiction of Herohalli Gram Panchayat & Khaneshumari No 1963/1, 1964/2 & 1965/3, measuring East to West 74 feet and North to South 26.5 feet, in all measuring 1961 sq.ft. with building constructed thereon and property standing in the name of Mr D S Prasanna Kumar and Smt B S Meghana and bounded on the:- East by : Property belongs to Sri. Krishnappa, West by : Road, North by : Remaining portion of Property bearing Site No 03 belongs to Sri Shanthilal Savaji, South by : Land in Sy No. 8/2 belongs to Sri T.N. Ramesh. together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface.	Rs. 346.24	Rs. 34.62	Rs. 50,000/-

Date & Time of Auction : 31.01.2025 TIME: 11.00AM to 12.30 PM, Date of Sale Notice : 26.12.2024
Property Inspection Date :The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer, on 29.01.2025 , from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
Place of Auction : Online https://baanknet.com/
Known encumbrances, if any: There are no encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank.
Details of Auction services provider: BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bengaluru, (Contact No 8291220220), Email:Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com, Website: https://baanknet.com/.
For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mail id roblrwrec@canarabank.com , cb2454@canarabank.com Mob No.7022192698 / 7411509379/ 9997435240), OR the service provider BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bengaluru (Contact No. 8291220220) E-mail: Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

Date : 27.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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(A Government of India Undertaking)

REGIONAL OFFICE WEST
Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main,
15th Cross Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560055.

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (9) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by holding public auction for recovery of **Rs. 4,28,53,447.06** (Rupees Four Crores Twenty Eight Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Seven Rupees and Six Paise only) as on **26.12.2024** and interest and other charges there on from **27.12.2024** due to **Peenya II Stage Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **Borrower(s): (1) M/s. ASK Renewables,** No.50, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 5th 'A' Cross, Coconut Garden, Bengaluru-560072, **(2) Mrs. Nayana Hegde (Partner/Guarantor)** W/o Nitin N Hebbar, No.10144, Sobha Aspire, Nagasandra Village, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560073, **(2) A. Mrs. Nayana Hegde(Partner/Guarantor)** D/o Mr Ramakrishna Hegde, Sumerugreen Energie No.50, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, Kalyanagara, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072. **(3) Mrs. Swapna Kalanji (Partner/Guarantor)** W/o Yogeshwara Hebbar, No. 9, Venkateshwara Nilaya, Anantashayana Nagar, Leggere, Bengaluru -560058, **(3) A. Mrs. SwapnaY Hebbar (Partner/Guarantor)** W/o Mr Yogeshwara Hebbar, No. 9, VenkateshwaraNilaya, Anantashayana Nagar, Laggere, Bengaluru -560058. **(4) Mrs. Manuja G (Partner/Guarantor)** W/o Ravikumar S M, No.50, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 5th 'A' Cross, Coconut Garden, Near Nagarabhavi Circle, Bengaluru-560072, **(5) Mr. Lakshmipathy (Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor)** S/o Gopalappa No.27, 10th Cross, 9th Main, Hennur, Maruthi Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru - 560043.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under.The Earnest Money shall be deposited on or before **13.01.2025 before 4.00 pm** by way of through online **BAANKNET** portal **https://baanknet.com/.** **(Rs. in lakhs)**

Description of the immovable Assets	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental Value at Bid
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.27, House No 431,Katha No. 528, Assessment No. 42, measuring East to West 56 Feet and North to South 50 Feet in all 2800 Sq. ft. with RCC Roofed residential building situated at 10th Cross, 9th Main Road, Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk – 560043 and property in the name of Mr. Lakshmipathy and bounded on the: North by : Sri Munegowda's Property, South by : Sri Manjunatha's Property, East by : 40 Feet Road, West By : Sri Kodandappa's Property.	₹301.00	₹ 30.10	₹ 50,000/-

Date & Time of Auction : 15.01.2025 From 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Date of Sale Notice : 26.12.2024
Property Inspection Date : with prior appointment with authorized officer, on 13.01.2025 From 10.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m.
Place of Auction : Online. https://baanknet.com/
Known encumbrances, if any: There are no encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank.
Details of Auction service provider: **BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bengaluru (Contact No. 8291220220) Email:Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com Website: https://baanknet.com/**
For further details Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, e-mail id roblrwrec@canarabank.com , cb2454@canarabank.com Mob No.7022192698 / 7411509379/ 9997435240), OR the service provider BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bengaluru (Contact No. 8291220220) E-mail: Support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc if any and any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

Date : 27.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

IDBI BANK

CIN:L65190MH2004GOI148838

Retail Recovery, Bengaluru Zonal Office, # 3rd Floor, IDBI House, 58 Mission Road, Bengaluru – 560027. Ph 080-61451322, Email:- recovery.bengaluru@idbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1)

Whereas, The Undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notices dated as under calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against their names in the respective Demand Notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned have taken Possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **26th day of December 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the Properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the IDBI Bank Limited, for the amount shown against their names along with interest, costs, expenses till realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1) Name of the Borrower: Mr.Pushparaj & Mrs. Amudha D
Demand Notice: 22.10.2024 **A/c No: 1084675100003704 & 1084675100003728**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.47,41,911.46 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven & Paisa Forty Six only) as on 10.10.2024 + Applicable interest and charges thereon .
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that Property measuring 4 Acres 12.5 Guntas in Sy.No.87/8 in Block-III situated in Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing No.ALN.SR(S)61/2005-06 dated 13/05/2005 and bounded by:-East : Church and Private Property; West : Private Property; North : Road; and South : Private Property.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 0.278% of Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in Schedule "A" Property, which comes to 515 Sq. Feet of share in the land in Schedule 'A' Property Together with all buildings and structures constructed/erected thereon and/or to be constructed/erected thereon.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: (Property conveyed under this Agreement of Sale) : All that Residential Apartment bearing No. E 201 in Second Floor of "E" Block of the project "G.R.LAVENDER' built in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 976 Sq. Feet of Super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with right to use One (1) Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement Floor and the Apartment is bounded by: East : Setback and Block 'F' in G.R. Lavender; West : Apartment No E 204 in G.R. Lavender; North : Set Back; and South : Apartment No E- 202 in Second Floor of Block 'E' in G.R. Lavender The walls are built out of Solid Brick and Cement with RCC Roofing and Vitrified/Ceramic Flooring and it has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The wood used is Teak and windows of UPVC sliding Panels

2) Name of the Borrower: Mr. Shivashankar Rahut and Mrs. Jyoti Mulimani
Demand Notice: 25.10.2024 **A/c No: 0418675100004312 & 0551675100003568**
Outstanding Amount: Rs 46,89,112/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Twelve Only) as on 09/08/2024 + Applicable interest and charges thereon .
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Immovable residential property bearing Site No.78, formed in Assessment No.46, of Laggere village, Present BBMP Katha Sl No.656, situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.73, of Kottigepalya, measuring East to West on the Northern Side 103.9 Feet and on the Southern Sige 74.1 Feet and North to South on the Eastern Side 121.1 ½ feet and on the Western Side 100 Feet, totally measuring 9801 Sq Feet and bounded on East By : 30 Feet Road, West By : Private Property, North By : 25 Feet Road, South By : Property No.77.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 249 Sq ft of undivided share, right title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule 'A' property mentioned above together with Two Bedroom Apartment bearing No.G-008, in the ground floor measuring 1090 S ft of Super Built up Area with Vitrified Tiles Flooring, with one Car Parking be the part of multistoried residential complex know as "K.L. Ring View", constructed on the Schedule 'A' property along with one half part in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartment and the floor of the space above it and internal and external walls such level as with concealed wiring with proportionate shar in common access and area of the building like entrance foyer, common corridors in all floors staircases including landing up to the terrace, machine room, hosing and lift machineries of passenger elevator along with necessary cabin winches and motor etc pump sets houses in pump room along with necessary valves starts etc., and common area electrical system.

Date: 26.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bengaluru** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notice sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors:
1) M/s Navadurga Sea Foods (Regd and Administrative Office Address) 1st Cross, 11/2, R V Road, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru-560004, **2) M/s Navadurga Sea Foods,** Near Cosmo Club, 1-3-18/20-1/ Sathya Krishna Homes, Suryanarayanpuram, Bhimavaram West Godavari, Andhrapradesh - 534202, **3) Mr. Adinarayana Setty B (Partner and Guarantor)** C/o Krishmaiah Shetty Y S, No 685 3rd Main Road Raghavendra Block , Srinagar, Bengaluru-560050, **3A) Mr. Adinarayana Setty B (Partner and Guarantor),** No.948/949,13th Main Road, Srinagar , Banashankari, Bengaluru-560050, **4) Mr. Thyagaraj V R (Partner, Guarantor and Mortgagor)** No 12 /91- 2, 1st Main Road, New Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapuram, Srirampuram, Behind Devi Theatre Bengaluru-560021, **5) Mr. Gudala Sri Hari Gopala Rao (Partner and Guarantor),** 7-47 Opp Raghava Rice Mill, P P Road West Godavari, Veeravasaram, Andhra Pradesh- 534245, **6) Mrs. Saraswathi B (Guarantor and Mortgagor)** W/o R Bhaskar, 12/91-2, 1st Main Road, New Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapuram, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560021, **7) Mr. Bhaskar R (Guarantor and Mortgagor)** S/o R Ramalingam, 12/91-2, 1st Main Road, New Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapuram, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560021, **8) Mrs Shantha R (Guarantor and Mortgagor)** W/o Ramalingam, 12/91-2, 1st Main Road, New Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapuram, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru -560021, **9) Mrs. Latha T G (Guarantor and Mortgagor)** W/o Thyagaraj V R, No 12/91-2, 1st Main Road New Kalappa Block, Behind Devi Theater, Ramachandrapuram, VTC : Bengaluru, PO Srirampuram, Bengaluru-560021, **10) Mrs. Prema R (Guarantor and Mortgagor)** W/o G Ramesh, 8/1, 1st Main Road, New Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapuram, Sriramapuram, Bengaluru-560021, **10 A) Mrs. Prema R (Guarantor and Mortgagor)** W/o G Ramesh, No 12/91-2, 1st Main Road, New Kalappa Block, Behind Devi Theater, Ramachandrapuram, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-560021.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan/Limit	Amount	Date of sanction/ Modification of Sanction / Renewal	Liability with interest as on Date 24.12.2024	Rate of Interest
1250016 11263	MSME-OD/OCC	Rs. 15,00,00,000/-	20.06.2023	Rs. 16,16,13,270.43/-	11.80 % p.a + 2% penal interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 16,16,13,270.43 (Rupees Sixteen Crores Sixteen Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Rupees and Forty Three Paise only) **as on 24.12.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 28.08.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 24.12.2024**

Description of the Immovable Property :

Name of Title Holder : Sri. V R Thyagaraj, Sri. R Bhaskar, Smt. Latha T G, Smt. Saraswathi, Smt. R Shantha and Smt. R Prema.

All that part and parcel of the residentially converted vacant land bearing Sy. No 14/2 carved out of Sy No.14 measuring 32.5 guntas of Dasarahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk duly converted for residential purposes vide Official memorandum bearing No. ALN SR (S.A) 78/95-96 dated 04.11.1995 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, presently bearing BBMP Khata No 27/14/2 within the limits of BBMP Ward No 6, Thanisandra , Bengaluru belonging to Sri. V R Thyagaraj, Sri. R Bhaskar, Smt. Latha T G, Smt. Saraswathi, Smt. R Shantha and Smt. R Prema and the boundaries are as follows: East: Site No- 41,42,43 and 44 in Sy. No 13/2, Swimming Pool and Club House. West: Site No. 8,9,10,11,12, and Road in Old Sy. No. -14, New Sy. No. 14/1, North : Site No. 38, carved out of old Sy. No. 14, New Sy. No. 14/1, South: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 14 measuring 10 guntas.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagers. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

Date : 26.12.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Actor Allu Arjun virtually appeared before the Nampally IX ACMM court on Friday in connection with the Sandhya theatre stampede case. On December 13, the court remanded him in judicial remand for 14 days, which ended on Friday

Madras HC seeks report on Anna varsity rape case

R SIVAKUMAR @Chennai

GRILLING the state government on certain aspects of the investigations and findings of the police regarding the rape of an engineering student in the Anna University campus, the Madras High Court on Friday directed the state and the university to file reports on the probe and the deficiencies in security and safety arrangements in the institution.

Lauding the survivor for coming forward to lodge the complaint, the bench said it is the duty of every citizen to protect her; and stated that women's liberty to move anywhere cannot be restricted.

A vacation bench comprising Justices SM Subramaniam and V Lakshminarayanan took up suo motu cognizance of the matter, earlier in the day, following requests made by some advocates including V Jayaprakash Narayanan who submitted a letter addressed to the court by advocate R Varalakshmi.

The bench directed the Home Secretary, the Director General of Police (DGP) and the Anna University to file reports on the incident in the noon. However, when it re-assembled for the post-lunch session, the judges said that they would take up the matter for hearing after getting the nod of the Chief Justice as the matter was placed before him.

In the meantime, Varalakshmi filed a public interest litigation (PIL) on the matter. Advocate A Mohanadas moved a petition to implead him in the case.

The bench took it up for urgent hearing in the evening. Counsels appearing for them, Pointing to the statement of the Greater Chennai Police Commissioner that Gnanasekaran is the only accused in the case, the counsels urged the court to ensure all the culprits are booked.

Advocate General PS Raman denied the allegations that the accused belonged to the ruling party. The bench directed the state to file a detailed report on the matter and wanted the Anna University to submit report on the measures taken to ensure safety of women students.

The bench posted the matters for hearing on Saturday.

Tributes to ex-PM from across South

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CHIEF Minister MK Stalin paid his last respects to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on Friday and offered condolences to Singh's family. He was accompanied by senior leaders of the DMK including TR Baalu, Tiruchy N Siva, Kanimozhi, Dayanidhi Maran and others.

Talking to reporters, Stalin recalled Singh's services to the nation and Tamil Nadu. He said Singh helped strengthen the infrastructure of the state and also in bringing many projects like Maduravoyal Expressway, Metro Rail and Sethusamudram project and in improving road infrastructure. Stalin credited the former Prime Minister for the introduction of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Tamil language got classical language status only during the regime of Singh, Stalin added. The opposition AIADMK and BJP have also postponed their agitations scheduled across the state condemning the DMK government for Anna University rape.

Telengana CM A Revanth Reddy and TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar on Friday paid tributes to the mortal remains of former prime minister Manmohan Singh. Speaking to reporters later, the chief minister said that Manmohan Singh's demise was a loss to the nation and not just to Singh's family. He stated that Manmohan Singh strengthened the country ushering in liberalisation privatisation and globalisation. He added that Manmohan Singh's name will be eternal.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu pays last respects to former prime minister Manmohan Singh in Delhi on Friday | EXPRESS

Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu said that the demise of former PM Manmohan Singh is a great loss to the nation. Naidu went to Delhi on Friday and offered tributes to the mortal remains of Manmohan Singh. Speaking on the occasion, Naidu expressing grief over the death of Manomohan Singh and lauded the relentless contribution of the latter to the nation.

Odisha CM Charan Majhi and several of his cabinet colleagues on Friday paid rich tributes to former PM Manmohan Singh. Addressing a condolence meeting at the Lok Seva Bhavan in Bhubaneswar, the chief minister said the demise of Singh was a great loss to the country. "One of the leading economists of the world, Singh played an important role in putting the country's economy in the global arena," he said.

HC extends KTR's protection in Formula-E race case until Dec 31

HYDERABAD: The Telangana High Court on Friday extended the interim protection from arrest granted to BRS working president **K T Rama Rao** (KTR) until December 31 in connection with the Formula-E race case. Justice K Lakshman adjourned further hearing on KTR's criminal petition to the same date. Rama Rao is the prime accused (Accused No.1) in the case registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), under Sections 13(1)(a) read with 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and Sections 409 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code. On December 20, the former IT minister filed a lunch motion petition, seeking directions to the ACB not to arrest him. Justice NV Shravan Kumar, who initially heard the plea, granted interim relief by directing the ACB to refrain from arresting the BRS Sircilla MLA until December 30. The court also instructed the ACB and complainant Dana Kishore, Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, to file counter affidavits. In response, the ACB filed a counter affidavit asserting that the allegations and evidence presented in the complaint established a prima facie case against Rama Rao and others for misappropriation of public funds and breach of public trust. Rama Rao, in his affidavit, denied the allegations, stating that the FIR was filed 14 months after the alleged events took place without a proper preliminary inquiry. The court scheduled the next hearing for December 31.

ISRO releases animated video of PSLV-C60

ENS @Bengaluru

THREE days ahead of the launch of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)-C60/ SPADEX mission, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Friday, December 27, released an animation video sharing the experience of the in- space docking.

In just one and half hour of the release of the video, it crossed over 30,000 views on X- post alone.

The video captioned- Visualise SpaDeX in Action!- showed how the PSLV will be operating.

ISRO in its release said the SpaDeX mission is a is a cost-effective technology demonstrator mission for the demonstration of in- space docking using two small spacecraft launched by PSLV. The researchers in the release explained that this technology is essential for India's upcoming space projects including Indian on the Moon, sample return from the Moon and the building and operation of Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS).

"The in- space docking technology is essential when multiple rocket launches are required to achieve common mission objectives," the release said.

The SpaDeX mission consists of two small spacecrafts weighing around 220 kgs each, to be launched by PSLV-C60, into a 470 km circular orbit.

Feedback, suggestions pouring in over govt hostel food, menu

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

EVEN after nearly a month of Social Welfare Department starting the exercise of uploading meals and menu card of food served at Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS) and government hostels; suggestions and feedbacks continue to pour in.

The list comprises of positives and negatives including suggestions like change food items, add more protein rich food as it is has more carbohydrates or even to improve the rice quality. The SWD started the exercise of uploading four photographs with GPS location, time and date stamping, thrice a day, of the kitchen with cooks preparing the meals, the menu card, the plate with all food items and students eating the meal.

The government orders for uploading four photographs on social media platforms for public to access was issued on November 29. From December 1, as pilot, it was started in three districts- Bidar, Raichur and Chamarajanagar.

"We get multiple responses on a daily basis. We are replying to each one of them. Some suggestions have also been incorporated to improve the meals. There are over 2,500 KREIS and hostels in Karnataka, feeding over 4.5 lakh students daily. Of this, 294 institutions in the three districts have been covered. By January 2025 end, all across the state will be covered," a senior SWD official told *TNIE*.

The SWD started the exercise to bring in accountability among hostel wardens, cooks, supervisors and staffers. Many parents and students had complained to the government over the pathetic quality of food being served in the hostels. The Karnataka Lokayukta had also pulled up the officials over the poor quality of food and facilities.

"The aim of uploading the information on daily basis on social media is to bring in transparency and ensure uniform quality is maintained. Wardens have to tweet four photographs, thrice a day. T A control room, comprising of 30 people, working in shifts, has also been set up to review the posts and feedback," the official said.

ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP (DIREETORAT OF HEALTH SERVICES)
KAVARATTI - 682555
Phone: 04896 262316, E mail: lk-dhs@utl.gov.in

E-Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited for Annual procurement and supply of Surgical items (re-tender) required for all the Health Institutions under this department for the year 2024-2025. The tender notice can be downloaded from the web site www.tendersutl.gov.in, www.lakshadweep.gov.in further details can be seen from the same site.

- sd –
(Dr. M.K.Soudhabi) Director Health Services
Email: lk-dhs@utl.gov.in Tel: 04896262316

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क्रमांक: एफ.9 (2/33)/सं.नि.रसा./जीपीआरटीएल/आरकेवीवाई/ज.क. LCMS/2024-25/638 दिनांक: 18/12/2024

e-Tender Notice

The Joint Director Agriculture (Chemistry) GPRTL, Durgapura, Jaipur Invites following online bid from the eligible bidder:-

Name of work	Total estimated cost	Bid start date	Bid Submission End date & time
Supply and installation of LCMS-MS with related accessories from Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors/Dealers for the use in GPRTL, Dept. of Agriculture, Durgapura, Jaipur through e-Bid UBN - AGR2425GLOB00375	Rs 182.50 Lakh (Rs One Crore Eighty Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	20.12.2024 10.00AM	09.01.2025 11.00 AM

Details may be seen in the bid document at the website of e-procurement portal https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/ state public procurement portal https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, https://agriculture.rajasthan.gov.in and https://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in

DIPR/C/13395/2024 (Ajay Kumar Pachori Joint Director Agriculture (Chemistry)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Canara Bank
REGIONAL OFFICE-HAVERI
Sri Daneshwari Motors Compound, #153/A, Near Fire Brigade, Haveri-Hangal Raod, HAVERI-581110

POSSESSION NOTICE [Section 13(4)] (for Immovable

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated: **23.09.2024** calling upon the borrower/co-borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagor **VIJAYKUMAR K CHALAGERI, MUTTURAJ N CHALAGERI, NAGARAJ THARAKESHWARAPPA CHALAGERI, BHAGYAMMA NAGARAJ CHALAGERI, CHAITRA NAGARAJ CHALAGERI, SHILPA SHIVAPRAKASH KANCHIKERI & B M SOMASHEKHAR PATEL** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.10,25,72,865.72 (Rupees Ten Crores Twenty Five Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Seventy Two Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **23rd** day of **December** of the year **2024**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. 17,35,91,585.89** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property.

Property **Sy No. 12/1** (Old Sy No. 12) RDPR No. 150300200900220157 situated at Kurubarakunte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanhalli Tq, Bangalore Rural District. Extent – 1 Acre. **Boundaries:East – PE MATHEW'S LAND, West – SUBBARAYAPPA'S LAND, North – DONGARA, South – DODDABALLAPURA VIJAYAPURA ROAD.**

Date:23.12.2024 Sd/-Authorised Officer
Place:Bangaluru CANARA BANK

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda (A Government of India Undertaking)
Residency Road Branch
No.2, Janardhan Tower, 1st Floor, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV - Rule 8 (1) 13(4) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Residency Road Branch, Bengaluru,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **09.08.2024** calling upon the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors: **(1) Sri.Vishwanath.V** S/o Sri. S. Venkataramanappa, **(2) Smt. Netravathi. P.T** W/o Sri. Vishwanath.V, **both are Residing at:** No.143/1, 2nd Main Road, Manjunathanagar, Ittamadu, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, **and also at:** Site No.134, 2nd Main, Manjunathanagar, Ittamadu, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560085, **and also at:** No.3/1, 2nd Main, Manjunathanagar, Ittamadu, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560085, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 21,83,417.63 Paisa** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen and Paisa Sixty Three Only) inclusive of interest upto **04.08.2024** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **26th December 2024.**

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda** for an amount **Rs.22,64,123/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Three Only) inclusive of interest upto **22.12.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

"We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender /private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available."

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Northern Portion of the Site No.39, Khatha No.134, Old No.39/134, New Municipal No.143, Municipal No.143/1, PID No.55-789-143/1, Situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Presently Manjunatha Nagar, Ittamadu, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 15 Feet, totally measuring 600 Square Feet, alongwith the building standing thereon, and bounded on the: East by: Property No.18, West by: Road, North by: Property No.40, South by: Southern Portion of the Property No.39 belonging to Smt. Sandhyarani S.

Date : 26.12.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Bank of Baroda

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 17.01.2025 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

Sr. No.	Branch Name, Cust ID A/c Name, A/c No., Property ID, Dealing official Contact No.	Description of the properties	(A) Date of 13 (2) (B) Date of 13(4) (C) Type of Possession (D) Outstanding amount	A)Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Bangalore Cantonment (004000) **Sai Priyadarshini and Sumithkumar & Richika Cust ID: ABN004366, D10209640, A/c No. : 0040008700003314 0040009900000774 520100NC00004809** K Vyasa Raja Mob No. : 9900634166	**Item No. (1) :** All the piece and parcel of the apartment bearing No.1501 in the 15th Floor of the multi-storied apartment building Mantri Astra with a super built-up area of 1,480 sq.ft. with proportionate undivided share in the property developed and one open car parking space constructed on the residentially converted land bearing Sy..No.116/1, Khatha No. 129/1, situated at Challakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 87,104.78 sq.ft. **Item No. (2) :** All the piece and parcel of the apartment bearing No.1502 in the 15th Floor of the multi-storied apartment building Mantri Astra with a super built-up area of 1,100 sq.ft. with proportionate undivided share in the property developed and one open car parking space constructed on the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.116/1, Khatha No. 129/1, situated at Challakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 87,104.78 sq.ft. Item No. 1 All the piece and parcel of the apartment bearing No.1501 in the 15th Floor of the multi-storied apartment building Mantri Astra with a super built-up area of 1,480 sq.ft. with proportionate undivided share in the property developed and one open car parking space constructed on the residentially converted land bearing Sy..No.116/1, Khatha No. 129/1, situated at Challakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 87,104.78 sq.ft. **Item No. (3) :** All the piece and parcel of the apartment bearing No.1401 in the 14th Floor of the multi-storied apartment building Mantri Astra with a super built-up area of 1,480 sq.ft. with proportionate undivided share in the property developed and one open car parking space constructed on the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.116/1, Khatha No.129/1, situated at Challakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 87,104.78 sq. ft.	**A) 16.12.2022 B) 09.03.2023 C) Symbolic D) Rs. 3,05,44,908.91 plus further interest and charges**	A) Rs. 2,42,00,000/- B) Rs. 24,20,000/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-
2	Bangalore Malleswaram (126100) **Ravi Oil Traders Cust ID: BWM007726, A/c No. : 1261008700001820** Nagendra Babu Mb No.8310045862	**Schedule "A" Property** : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing old khata no. 1250 and house list no 1314/2A, and present Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Council Katha No 282 property No. 1314/2A situated at mallatahalli village Yeshawanta pura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk measuring East to Weston the northern side 85 feet, southern side 60 feet and north to south at eastern side 60 feet and western side 50 feet and bounded on **East by:** 80 Feet Road, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Property of Mr. Muthuraya Reddy, **south by:** Property belongs to Mr. N Narayanappa. **Schedule "B" Property :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing old khata no. 1250 and house list no 1315/2B, and present Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Council Katha No 281 property No. 1315/2B situated at mallathahalli village Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk measuring East to west on the northern side 90 feet, southern side 65 feet and north to south at eastern side 50 feet and western side 40 feet and bounded on **East by** Schedule A property **West By** 30ft wide Road, **North By** property of Sh Muthuraya Reddy and **South By** property belongs to N Narayanappa, Mortgagor Dr. Akella Satya Subramanya Kumar Total area of Schedule A & B property. **As per sale deed is 7475 sft Actuals is 6208 sft. only.**	**A) 20.12.2016 B) 28.03.2017 C) Vacant Land D) Rs. 3,99,99,676.96 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	A) Rs. 5,34,60,000/- B) Rs. 53,46,000/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-
3	Bangalore Malleswaram (126100) **Om Sainath Traders Cust ID: BWM007715, A/c No. : 1261008700001819,** Nagendra Babu Mb No.8310045862	Property bearing old Khata No. 1248 and Khaneshumari No.1312/1 and present Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Council Khata No. 280, property No.1312/1, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk admeasuring east to west on Northern side 125 ft, southern side 92 ft, North to South on Eastern side 40 ft and western side 25 ft and bounded on **East :** 80 Feet Road. **West :** 30 Feet Road. **North :** private property and **South :** 40 Feet Road. Mortgagor Dr. Akella Arun Kumar,Total area of Schedule A & B property As per sale deed is 3526.25sft, Actuals is 2929 sq ft.	**A) 24.03.2017 B) 17.07.2018 C) Vacant Land D) Rs. 2,99,37,333.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	A) Rs. 2,56,00,000/- B) Rs. 25,60,000/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-
4	Egl Business Park, Domlur (754700), **Challur Sarvanakumar Cust ID: LEJ010073, A/c No. : 754700NC00001182,** K Vyasa Raja Mb No.9900634166	Residential prop bearing 2BHK Flat No.402 fourth floor in the apartment a building known as SV Flora, measuring 1090 sft of super built up area together with 230 sft of undivided share and interest in property bearing No.15, khatha no. 60/2 CMC Khatha no.365/60-2/15 situated at Singasandra village begur Hobli Bangalore south taluk, now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Khatha no.264/365/60/2/15 bounded on the **East:** site No. 16, **West by:** property owned by Narayanaswamy, **North:** Road, **South by :** property belongs to Narayanaswamy.	**A) 06.10.2017 B) 30.10.2023 C) Physical (29.02.2024) D) Rs. 39,61,520.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	A) Rs. 27,50,000/- B) Rs. 2,75,000/- C) Rs. 50,000/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and tothe following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"**
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://ebkray.in on 17.01.2025 @ 11.00 AM to 5 PM**
4. Platform **(https://ebkray.in)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.** having its Registered office at **Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East. Mumbai-400037** (Helpdesk Number +91 8291220220, Email Id: support.ebkray@psballiance.com). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website https://ebkray.in This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI RULES, 2002

Place : Bangalore
Date : 28.12.2024

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

EDITORIAL

Education is the single most important factor that will determine the future of our country — Manmohan Singh

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— Ramnath Goenka

MANMOHAN SINGH: ABLEST HELMSMAN IN TROUBLED WATERS

PUBLIC service is all about taking decisions to benefit all. Manmohan Singh's economic and political legacy lives up to the maxim unchallenged. Singh was often the right man at the right place and time—be it as RBI governor, the government's chief economic advisor, finance minister, or as India's 14th prime minister. In every role, Singh did the honours of troubleshooting for the country by shaping multiple policies at extremely critical junctures. From deregulating the economy and revolutionising the tax policy to steering the historic Indo-US civil nuclear deal, his most consequential endeavours were not in the realm of the ordinary. It was also under his stewardship that India's GDP cracked into the $1-trillion club—soaring from $721 billion in 2003-04 to $2 trillion in 2013-14.

In mid-1991, the Indian economy was at grief's doorstep. As the balance of payments crisis deepened, leaving us with just a fortnight worth of foreign exchange reserves, the country was forced to pledge its gold reserves for the first time ever. Yet Singh, drafted in by P V Narasimha Rao as the country's 22nd finance minister, refused to allow the crisis to have an upper hand and unleashed reforms, including his groundbreaking 1991 budget that liberalised the economy, ended the licence raj, eliminated public sector monopolies and reduced personal and corporate income taxes. He also showed immense courage in devaluing the rupee. All of this helped the country's economy develop distinctive traits that are also Singh's own—quiet and gentle on the outside, but possessing untold strength and resilience underneath.

As RBI governor, Singh stood his ground to protect the central bank's autonomy. He even moved the courts challenging the government's decision to relax equity investment norms for non-resident Indians. In another instance, he offered to resign protesting the government's move to permit the scam-hit Bank of Credit and Commerce International's entry into India. Thankfully, the government backed off. While at the RBI, he also ended the sovereign's practice of dipping into the central bank's resources at will and laid a framework for the government's market borrowings. From introducing the laws that gave us the rights to information, employment and education, to welfare measures during the 2007-08 global financial crisis, Singh led the country with compassion and sincerity. The nation will forever be in his debt.

THE YEAR THE WEST NORMALISED GENOCIDE

HISTORY will remember 2024 as the year a raging genocide was ignored to the point of being normalised by some of the richest and most powerful institutions in the world. Western governments and mainstream media have bent over backwards to avoid calling Israel out for its carnage in Gaza, repression in the occupied Palestinian territories in the West Bank, and unprovoked aggression in Lebanon. With more than 45,000 people killed in Gaza alone over 14 months—most of them civilians and a large section of them women and children—silence on the issue is as harmful as complicity. Add to this the fact that most of Israel's munitions are supplied by the US, and the link is irredeemably direct.

It's no longer a matter of bickering over the precise meaning of the term genocide—ironically, coined by a Jewish lawyer during World War 2. Francesca Albanese, the special rapporteur for the occupied Palestinian territories, has clearly and repeatedly explained why it is the correct term to use for Israel's targeted killings. But that has not moved the West's narrow political considerations. Meanwhile, Israel has continued its carnage. On Thursday, WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and his team came within metres of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the Sana'a airport in Yemen, killing two people. In September, not for the first time, the UN voted overwhelmingly to adopt a resolution demanding that Israel end its "unlawful presence" in the occupied territories. It's just another depressing reminder of the UN agencies' intended role in global affairs.

Even if the corruption cases against Benjamin Netanyahu catch up with him in court, little help can be expected from the nation's legislature. In a measure of polarisation in Israeli politics, when the Knesset voted at end-October to ban the work of UNRWA, the main relief agency in Palestine, about three-fourths of members supported it. So it's up to the rest of the world to pull all strings it can to end the carnage. Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor who won the Nobel peace prize, wrote, "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever humans endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides." In the new year, let's hope the rest of the world still holding out will unequivocally take humanity's side.

QUICK TAKE

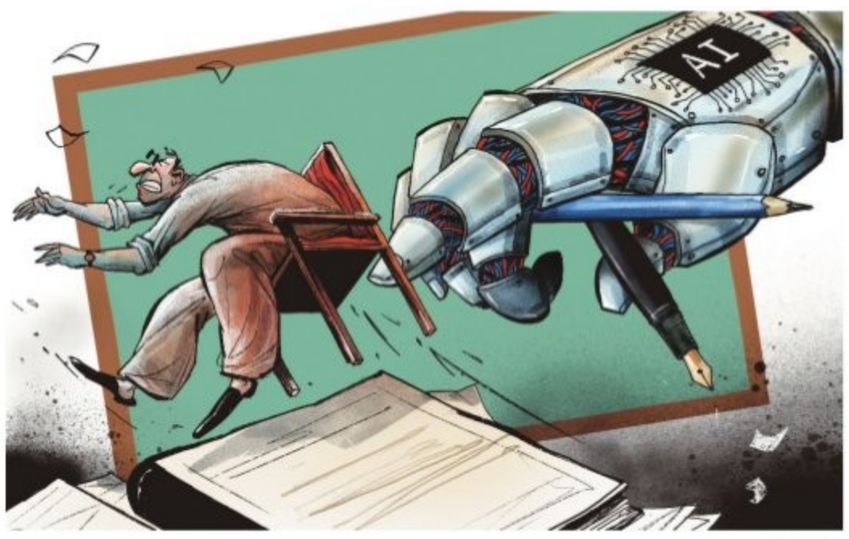
SMARTER CLASSROOMS ALL OVER

IT'S commendable that as we near a decade of the Smart Cities programme, the Centre has commissioned 50 impact assessment studies by 29 institutions. An IIM Bangalore report on smart classrooms showed 41 cities have used the funds to develop digital libraries with a total seating capacity of 7,809; it noted that students especially appreciated the upgraded libraries in Raipur and Tumakuru as they allowed them to prepare for competitive exams. But it also showed vast discrepancies between states, with eastern and northeastern ones faring far worse. Governments must act comprehensively on one of the report's main recommendations—improvement in teacher training—and work to have more smart classes in all states.

AI tools will soon be able to replace human lectures in several subjects. Academia should use the opportunity to make quality higher education cheaply available and shift towards research

THE DEMISE OF THE COLLEGE LECTURE FORETOLD

SANJEEV SANYAL
Member, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council



SOURAV ROY

EVERY time I have published a paper in the last six months, I have experienced a phenomenon that has deep implications for the future of higher education. Within about three hours of publication, someone would post a podcast based on my paper. It sometimes involved one person delivering a lecture about the paper, and sometimes two people discussing it. The quality of such podcasts is surprisingly good, including their grasp of technical issues.

The really interesting part is the voices are not human, but of bots generated by artificial intelligence. Yet, they are completely life-like. They emphasise the key points and even have a touch of humour. Indeed, the voices include small imperfections of speech that give it a truly human quality.

The AI algorithms seem smart enough to go beyond a simple regurgitation of my papers. They go on the web to find simple definitions of the technical terms I have not bothered to explain, and even look up information from the papers I have referred to but not written about explicitly in the main text. Thus, the AI bot is capable of intelligently extracting wider information to add value on its own. It's also capable of conducting a question-and-answer session. In other words, AI is already capable of delivering a lecture about my research that I would myself find hard to match.

It does not end here. AI models are already capable of absorbing material from a paper or a podcast, and convert it into an exam paper that tests human comprehension. It can then mark the test, identify the gaps in understanding and recommend corrective learning. All of this can be done almost instantaneously, at a tiny cost. Note that this technology is not in development—it already exists.

The implications are obvious: AI-based bots will soon be able to replace human lectures in the most standardised subjects. They will also be able to answer questions and conduct exams in many fields with a little bit of human supervision. Human interaction will still be needed in non-standard areas of knowledge, or areas requiring hands-on skills—say, in surgery—but it is clear that many areas of knowledge can be substantially automated.

Students in primary education will probably still need a lot of human hand-holding, though digital material will help here, too. But it's likely that by class 11 or 12, students will be increasingly relying on AI-generated material. Moreover, by the time a student is in college, she will be gaining most of her knowledge from digital systems. Whether or not academics like this disruption, this shift is already taking place. Rather than fight the inevitable, we should embrace the opportunities it presents.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

It is not easy to predict the long-term impact of such non-linear shifts, but here are some likely implications. First, it will flip the use of lectures and hands-on skilling. Today's classes are mostly lecture-based and projects are usually 'homework'. In the future, students will be expected to listen to lectures at home. Students already do this in many courses, and come to class to mark attendance. Their class time, therefore, should be used for applying the knowledge to solve problems and learning team-work. This will eventually blur the line between the university and an industry apprenticeship.

Second, with high-quality information and teaching tools freely available online, college education need no longer be about spending a fixed time at the university at a certain point of life. Most college degrees will eventually be about collecting a specified number of credits. A student should be able to do it at any point in life, and at any pace that suits her. The University Grants Commission is already enabling this approach by allowing multiple college intakes in a year while giving students the flexibility to finish their courses at different speeds.

Third, academia will have to re-orient away from lecture delivery to research. Compared to global peers, India's university system does not emphasise the generation of new knowledge. Since old knowledge is anyway commoditised by AI-based tools, academia will have to focus on the generation of new knowledge and its application in the real world.

Meanwhile, advances in knowledge will also come from many sources outside academia. The gap between academia, industry and even talented hobbyists will blur. This needs a change in mindset—including for research journals that today publish articles based on authors' credentials, rather than the quality of their ideas. In this context, the Centre's 'One Nation, One Subscription' policy is a great initiative, as it makes the latest knowledge freely available to a large number of researchers.

Fourth, the new tools present a big opportunity for India to make tertiary education cheaply available across the country. Since students in most fields will need to spend only limited time at the university, it will allow the existing infrastructure to be leveraged many-fold. This would partly solve for the problem of ramping up a large number of institutions in time for the demographic spike of the next quarter century, followed by over-capacity in the demographic slump beyond. East Asia suffers the problem of having institutions that were too late to ride the regional demographic peaks and are now empty.

Fifth, AI-generated tools could make education language-agnostic. All knowledge will be available eventually in most widely-used languages, since the tools will seamlessly translate the material. A lecture delivered in Swedish would be available in Bengali within minutes. If there is a problem with a technical word, the AI-bot will explain it with infinite patience to an interested listener.

Finally, given the rapid changes in skills needed in a technologically and geo-politically fluid world, we will simply not be able to keep up using the traditional system of teacher training and curriculum upgrade. Only AI-based systems will be able to quickly create curriculums, teaching material and testing systems in fields that do not exist today.

To conclude, AI-based learning systems will soon disrupt the current lecture-heavy system of higher education. This is now unavoidable and the Indian academia should embrace it. It provides the opportunity to make quality teaching and certification cheaply available across the country, in multiple languages. Freed of repetitive lecturing, academia should focus on research and development in collaboration with industry and private talent.

(Views are personal)

TIME TO STRIKE NEW-AGE NOTES IN CARNATIC MUSIC

MADHAVAN NARAYANAN
Senior journalist

REVERSE SWING

IT is that time of the year in Chennai when the city goes Carnatic. The December event, popularly called the *Margazhi* music season after the Tamil month, is only four years from completing a century. Its creators may not have imagined the shape it would take, as much on YouTube and other online forums as the cherished sabha halls of Chennai.

However, a lot has not changed in the fuddy-duddy Carnatic world, with minds not being broad enough to take in music's vast horizons. That is what makes for a controversy hotter than sambar poured on piping hot idlis at many sabha canteens.

The real food for thought should be the entrenched habits of Carnatic elitism. Despite all efforts, the season remains a Tamil Brahmin preserve in a land famous for its anti-Brahmin movement.

A recent Supreme Court ruling that this year's recipient of what's arguably the music's highest honour, the Sangita Kalanidhi—Thodur Madabusi Krishna—should not be declaring himself an awardee of the honour named after M S Subbulakshmi until an appeal by the legendary singer's grandson V Shrinivasan is decided, is the latest in a row that smells strongly of entrenched orthodoxy.

Krishna has allegedly besmirched Subbulakshmi's legacy with his controversial view on how she gained acceptance among the elite Brahmins, and her family's claim that the late singer had willed no award to be set up in her name.

I had highlighted in an earlier column the class differences between the eminent elite who dominate the Madras Music Academy that awards the Sangita Kalanidhi, and those who aspire to glory from humbler origins.

Krishna is unique in the sense that he has defied his own privileged origins to raise his voice against casteism in his field. He certainly deserves the art's top honour as he ticks all the boxes: a solid vocalist grounded in rigorous tradition, a music historian to boot and one with a track record that shows excellence in many dimensions. And it was indeed nice to see a glasnost spirit at the Academy when Krishna performed there to a standing ovation this Christmas day after almost a decade.

But what I would like to question are some visible assumptions and conventions in the Carnatic world.

First, we need to ask if the Madras Music Academy should necessarily be the Mecca of Carnatic music. It is a closed private club. Its members just happen to have pioneered a culture of excellence, but need not be the only ones lording over things. There was a time when the Filmfare awards were considered the top honour in Indian cinema. We now have Screen, IIFA and other awards that have shown that many flowers can bloom in an artistic garden.

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> T M Krishna is rare in defying his own privileged origin to raise voice against casteism in Carnatic music. He deserves the art's top honour as he ticks all the boxes. Meanwhile, the music's elite preserves should adapt to the times

Then there is my personal view on Subbulakshmi. The late vocalist had an amazing voice, was hugely popular, became the first Indian musician to perform at the UN General Assembly and even received the Bharat Ratna. But connoisseurs with rigorous classical yardsticks may put their money on someone like the late Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, or enjoy comparing female vocalists like M L Vasanthakumari or D K Pattammal with Subbulakshmi—with no one declared a winner. An icon may not necessarily impress nuanced critics in a peer review.

It is also time for Carnatic music to shed its Chennai-centrism. There is a distinct unconscious Tamil Nadu bias that needs affirmative action to get some balance. I have heard excellent musicians from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala and know of local clubs to match, but Chennai remains for the Carnatic world what Lord's is to cricket.

Born just about two decades ago, the Jaipur Literature Festival is now considered one of the world's biggest shows of its kind, and has international editions in the US, Canada, Australia and even Spain. Maybe the Carnatic season needs to travel in time and space. The Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival already throws us a hint.

Though the Carnatic world has embraced the violin, the electronic keyboard, the guitar, the piano, the saxophone and the mandolin, Krishna's attempts to break its social glass ceiling from above have met with quiet but stubborn resistance. There are also allegations of nepotism and unwarranted conservatism in the sabha culture. We need an Alt-Carnatic culture.

I recall an afternoon with L Subramanian, the violinist who took the Carnatic style to jazz and classical fusion, when he ruefully spoke about how he faced resistance from an orthodox set in his own home patch. I have read Subbudu, one of Carnatic music's respected and controversial critics, writing that composer Thyagaraja should not be made to wear a Western suit. Last year's Grammy, awarded to Indo-jazz group Shakti enriched over the years by Shankar Mahadevan's vocals, Vikku Vinayakaram's ghatam and Zakir Hussain's tabla, should settle the debate.

It is sad that few speak today of L Shankar, Shakti's original violinist, whose magic fingers, honed in Carnatic tradition, led to his invention of a two-necked violin playfully named the LSD, or L Shankar's double-violin. It covers five-and-a-half octaves and takes the cello's range to a more portable form. His reverse swing is largely unsung.

Much like cricket, whose rulebooks and formats have changed over time, the Carnatic world needs to shed some of its conservatism with some new-age tricks, structures and venues.

(Views are personal)
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MAILBAG

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Transparency era

Ref: *Protect citizens' right to scrutinise all poll materials* (Dec 27). Any attempt to curtail the duty of the Election Commission to be transparent in the conduct of elections is deplorable. As our democracy is the greatest in the world, this is an offence. In this era of transparency, one hopes better counsel will prevail.
S Madhavan Thampi, Haripad

Implementation required

Ref: *Telangana land record law clears up old mess* (Dec 27). The Telangana Bhu Bharati Bill aims at ensuring issues related to land records do not occur. Although the bill is put forth to aid farmers and simplify the legal processes related to farming, its success can only be determined by effective implementation.
Sreeja Dutta, Bengaluru

Congress contribution

Ref: *When the union is not a sum of the parts* (Dec 27). I have one question: what was the author's contribution to enact laws to prohibit khap panchayats? For decades, it was his party in power with more than two-thirds majority at the Centre and in all states. How can he blame the pied piper for this?
P R V Raja, Pandalam

Aadhaar achievement

Ref: *Architect of India of our times* (Dec 27). The article was an outstanding tribute to the economic liberator Dr Manmohan Singh. There were many achievements under his leadership, and I would rate the Aadhaar card as the greatest, as it gave us Indians an identity.
Y R Reddy, Visakhapatnam

Gentleman PM

Former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh had a long parliamentary innings and proved his worth in this period. He was a stickler of discipline and was devoted to his party. As a finance minister, many of his economic reforms brought the nation from the brink of bankruptcy. Above all, he was a thoroughbred gentleman. The vacuum caused by his death can hardly be filled up by Congress leaders.
Rajamani Chelladurai, Tirunelveli

Economic saviour

Dr Manmohan Singh will be remembered as a great prime minister for the skill he displayed in taking India to a development path despite the economic crisis that existed worldwide during his tenure. He will remain in history for his expertise in economics, renowned personality worldwide and humility throughout his life.
Jiji Panicker K, Chengannur

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TIGER CUB DEAD

A female tiger cub was found dead in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Umaria district of MP, a forest official said on Friday. Prima facie, the female tiger cub died because of a fight between big cats.

3 HELD FOR FRAUDULENT USING PM-JAY CARDS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	25	16	Mumbai	29	23
Bhopal	22	14	Panaji	32	23
Jaipur	19	11	Patna	26	17
Amritsar	17	08	Lucknow	23	16
Chennai	28	26	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	27	17	Imphal	23	10
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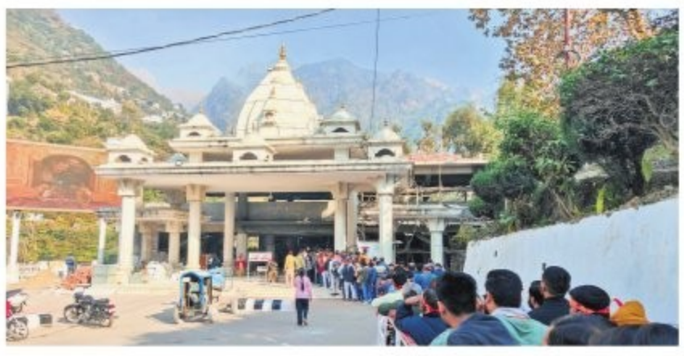
Katra shutdown against ropeway project extended

6 protesters on hunger strike, Vaishno Devi pilgrims face tough time

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar



THE Vaishno Devi Sangarsh Samiti on Friday extended the shutdown in Katra, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the shrine, by 72 hours, adding to the woes of the devotees. Katra observed a complete shutdown for the third consecutive day on Friday in protest against the proposed ropeway project in the Trikuta hills of Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

Six youths of Katra town have gone on hunger strike in support of the VDSS' demands – shelving the ropeway project and releasing detained protesters. "VDSS leaders met on the conclusion of a three-day shutdown against the shrine board's ropeway project. It was decided to extend the shutdown by 72 hours," former legislator and VDSS member Jugal Sharma told this newspaper.

"The administration should release 18 VDSS leaders arrested on the first day of shutdown on December 25," he said.

The proposed ₹250-crore ropeway project will connect Tarakote Marg to Sanji Chhat, which leads to the cave shrine. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has decided to build the ropeway to facilitate access to the temple for the elderly and others, who find it difficult to climb the 13-km-long track to the cave shrine.

However, the locals including traders, shopkeepers, pony walas, labourers and hoteliers have been opposing the project. "Religious sentiment is attached with Vaisno Devi shrine. By constructing a ropeway, the shrine board is going to hurt the religious sentiments and it will not be allowed," he said.

Another VDSS leader said the ropeway project would snatch the livelihood of locals and impact the town's economy. "It will increase unemployment. About 50,000 people will get affected. They should not play with our religious sentiments. This is not a tourist place. People come to pay obeisance at the shrine and take the blessing. The ropeway should not be here," he said.

For the last three days, all shops, hotels and other business establishments in Katra town are closed and passenger traffic is off the roads. Black flags have been installed at the shops. Due to the shutdown, pilgrims are facing troubles in visiting the shrine. "No paliki or ponywala, or labourers are available. Due to the strike, the pilgrims, especially elderly persons, visiting the shrine are facing troubles," said Rajesh Kumar, a pilgrim from UP.

He said that no food or water is available as the market is closed. "No eatery shop is open in the town and local transport is also not available. It is causing troubles to the pilgrims," Kumar said.

B'deshi with fake Aadhaar card arrested

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

A Bangladeshi national was arrested on Thursday night on charges of illegally living in Kolkata city on the basis of fake documents for the past one year, police said on Friday.

An Aadhaar card and a PAN card, both issued using forged documents, were seized from the accused, identified as Mohammed Abidur Rahman, 37, a resident of Narail district in Bangladesh. The police are also examining if Rahman has links with former Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader Salim Matabbar, a resident of Bangladesh who was arrested last month for illegal stay in India, officials said.

Police said Rahman, a fabric supplier, had been visiting Kolkata on several occasions for business over the past 10 years. "Last year, he decided to permanently settle in Kolkata even after the expiry of the visa and started living illegally in a rented accommodation in the port area. He managed to procure fake Aadhaar and PAN cards," an officer said.

Rahman was produced in Bankshal court that sent him to police custody until January 6. Meanwhile, in another crackdown on illegal immigrants, police arrested 10 Bangladeshi infiltrators and five Indian agents engaged in human trafficking in Nadia on Thursday.

Protests against Bihar civil service exam gather pace

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE ongoing protest by Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) candidates demanding the cancellation of the December 13 exam intensified after Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor visited the protest site on Friday and pledged his support to the demonstrators.

Kishor urged CM Nitish Kumar to take cognisance of the matter and form a committee to resolve issue, which was sparked by rumors of a paper leak. Noted educator Faizal Khan, professionally known as Khan Sir, also extended support to the candidates agitating for the last nine days in support of their demand for re-examination.

A number of BPSC candidates started agitation on December 13, by alleging irregularities during the preliminary examination conducted by the BPSC and demanding re-examination throughout the state.

Several candidates reported receiving the question paper nearly an hour late, while others claimed that answer sheets were torn, fuelling suspicions of a potential leak.

Khan Sir, who met the protesting candidates in Gardanibagh locality, said, "Why did the Commission hide the evidence and CCTV footage?"

Another famous teacher and coaching centre owner Guru Rehman also reached the agitating venue to back the candidates. Both Khan Sir and Guru Rehman left the venue after candidates accused coaching centres of making an attempt to 'hijack' their agitation.

Earlier, Independent MP from Purnea Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav participated in the sit-in agitation. BPSC examination controller Rajesh Kumar Singh, however, clarified that the 70th Integrated Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) 2024, would not be cancelled as candidates could not produce any evidence to prove their allegation that irregularities were committed.

The BPSC cancelled the preliminary examination for candidates at the Bapu Pariksha Parisar centre after the exam conducted on December 13 was disrupted by "unruly" aspirants, resulting in a ruckus during which an on-duty official tragically died of a heart attack".

RANCHI DIARY

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'Health circuit' of hosps for speedy care

A health circuit of all medical colleges and hospitals and district hospitals in Jharkhand will be created so that patients can be shifted from one hospital to another as per need without hassle. This will ease the patient load in a single hospital. Chief Minister Hemant Soren while holding a high-level review meeting with officials of the Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare Department said the government is committed to providing better health facilities to the people in the state. The CM also directed the officials of the health department that all government hospitals in the state should be functional 24×7.

No data on Bangladeshi 'infiltrators' in Jharkhand

Home ministry's replies to RTIs filed by a Ranchi-based social activist suggest that the Centre does not have any clear data about the presence of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants or 'infiltrator' in Jharkhand. The RTI replies from different departments of Union government suggest that there is little concrete data available with it regarding the presence of Bangladeshi migrants illegally inhabiting the state. In the reply, the immigration section of the Foreigners' Division of the Centre stated that it "has no information to furnish" on the latest available data on the state-wise numbers of Bangladesh nationals in India.

3 per cent DA hike for govt employees

The state government has decided to hike the dearness allowance (DA) of government employees and pensioners by three percent. Now employees and pensioners will get 53% dearness allowance, increased from 50%. The decision was taken during a Cabinet Meeting chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren. More than three lakh government employees are likely to benefit with this decision. The hike aligns with the broader trend observed across the country, where state governments and the Centre are adjusting dearness allowance rates to address the rising inflation in the country.

Minor accuses grandpa, dad of sexual abuse

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A minor from Bidhuna Kotwali area in UP's Auraiya district accused her grandfather, father and uncle of incest, claiming that they sexually assaulted her, leaving her two-months pregnant. The incident came to light after the victim, accompanied by her aunt approached Bidhuna Kotwali to register the complaint on Thursday.

The police took girl's grandfather, father, and uncle in custody and sent them to jail on Friday. The victim was sent for a medical examination.

A case was registered under Section 63 (rape) and the POCSO Act. Additional Superintendent of Police Alok Mishra said that the victim accused her grandfather, father, and uncle of sexually abusing her repeatedly for several months.

According to the findings, the victim appeared to be two-month pregnant. She alleged that her parents had a dispute 10-12 years ago and the accused used to sexually exploit her mother as well. On December 22, the trio conspired to kill her, but she escaped to a village in Dibiyapur area to her aunt's house and narrated her ordeal.

13 BHU students held for trying to burn copies of Manusmriti on campus

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AMID massive commotion between students and the Proctorial Board of Banaras Hindu University (BHU), over a dozen (13) students, including three girls, associated with Bhagat Singh Chhatra Morcha were arrested by Lanka police for their alleged plans to burn copies of Manusmriti on the campus on the Christmas day.

As per sources, the incident took place when students associated with Bhagat Singh Chatra Morcha reportedly wanted to hold a discussion on Manusmriti. However, the word went out that they were planning to burn copies of Manusmriti, following which members of the proctorial board of the university tried to stop them.

Students, including some former and some current, had also clashed with the proctorial staff. Initially, 10 students were apprehended while three were taken into custody later. All the 13 arrested students were produced in court and sent to jail under judicial custody.

A team of Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) also reached the Lanka police station to interrogate the accused to investigate their "connection to the urban Naxalites." The Lanka police lodged the case on the basis of the complaint submitted by BHU chief proctor Prof SP Singh on December 25.

As the Proctorial Board members attempted to disperse the crowd and pacify the protesting students, the perpetrators attacked the security guards and vandalized the premises, disrupting government work. The scuffle caused serious injuries to two female security guards.

Lanka police station Inspector Shivakant Mishra claimed that the complaint mentioned that the students attacked security guards, damaged property and interfered with government activities which resulted in inflicting wounds. The two injured female personnel are being treated at the BHU trauma centre.

18 days & counting, Beed sarpanch murder mastermind still on the run

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Opposition in Maharashtra charges the home minister with being weak for the failure to arrest Walmik Karad, a close aide of NCP minister **Dhananjay Munde** and the alleged mastermind of Massajog village Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh murder case, even 18 days after the incident.

The issue is raising political temperatures because Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis happens to be the state's home minister. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut claimed this is "unlikely to happen without political blessings", alleging that Fadnavis "has failed to give justice to the deceased and his family members".

Raut said it is surprising that Karad "is roaming free, but the police cannot trace him when everyone knows in Beed and Maharashtra who is protecting whom and for what reasons".

He alleged that Home Minister Fadnavis was trying to protect the accused as well as save his "friend" Dhananjay Munde, who allegedly has close links with Karad.

"It was expected that with the massive mandate, BJP and chief minister Fadnavis would clean the system and punish the corrupt and culprits in murder cases. In broad daylight, the teenagers are flashing their guns, making the reels and uploading them on social media to create fear in the minds of people. These teenagers are used for extortion and killing people. What kind of generation do we want to make?" asked Raut.

'Grabbed tribal land in name of charitable trust'

NCP minister Munde has come under fire from MLAs across parties. BJP MLA Suresh Das alleged that Karad and his "Akka-boss" (Munde) had grabbed the tribal community Banjara land in the name of charitable trust development. He alleged that there is also a link to a betting app – Mahadeo in Beed.

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NCP MLA Prakash Salunkhe also raised doubts about police intentions and investigation in the murder case.

Meanwhile, it is worth mentioning that Beed district has a high number of 1222 people with gun licences, compared to neighbouring Parbhani district with only 32 permits.

Social activist Anjali Damania, raising this issue, said the government needs to check why so many licences have been issued in Beed and with whose recommendations.

BJP MP fires salvo, opposes Gujarat party decision over leadership pick

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

INTERNAL disputes clog the Gujarat BJP over appointments of Mandal, City, District, and Taluka presidents by state BJP chief CR Patil. Escalating the turmoil, Bharuch BJP MP Mansukh Vasava has openly opposed the selection of Sandeep Patel as Jhagdia's president, making the dissent public by taking to social media.

Known for his outspoken remarks against the government and officials, Vasava wrote a social media post saying, "I welcome the appointment of organisation presidents across all talukas, cities, and units in the Bharuch Lok Sabha constituency. I strongly oppose the appointment of Sandeep Patel as president of Jhagdiya taluka. Sandeepbhai Patel has never contributed to BJP's work in the taluka and remains confined to his village."

He criticised the selection, saying, "Overlooking dedicated workers who served the taluka and district organisations for years, someone with no contribution and a record of working against the party was chosen."

Citing personal grievances, Vasava added, "Sandeep Patel actively tried to sabotage my program in Phulwadi village and was absent from the Sevsetu program and other initiatives. His connections are limited to business circles, and these interests have misled the state leadership into making this decision."

The MP pointed out that Jhagdiya, a tribal-dominated taluka, was part of the BJP's historical support base from tribal, Patel, and Rajput communities. He was unforgiving over Patel's selection: "Sandeepbhai Patel doesn't belong to these communities and has opposed me while working against the party's interests."

He said he was "firmly against" the appointment, adding: "The president could have been chosen from among tribals, Patels, or Rajputs—those who truly represent the taluka and the party's values. That's why I stand firmly against this appointment."

Such opposition to the BJP's local appointments is not new. In Aravalli, a backlash forced a name change after the current phase of appointments, while resistance is mounting against the new appointee in Navsari.

Similar resistance erupted previously over the appointments of Mandal presidents in key regions, including Aravalli, Navsari, Vadnagar, Vadodara, and Rajkot, exposing recurring discontent within the party's ranks in Gujarat.

BJP's support base

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First snow turns Valley into 'winter wonderland'

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER enduring intense cold wave conditions, with night temperatures plunging several degrees below freezing point, Srinagar and other plains of the Valley experienced their first snowfall of the season on Friday. This welcomed change ended the prolonged dry spell, bringing much-needed winter charm to the plains and transforming it into "winter wonderland".

Srinagar, where the night temperature dropped to 7.3 degrees Celsius, received snowfall from the afternoon. It was this winter's first snowfall in Srinagar. Other parts of the Valley also experienced light to moderate snowfall. The upper reaches, including the ski resort of Gulmarg, the tourist destination of Sonamarg and Pahalgam and areas close to the Line of Control received moderate to heavy snowfall.

MeT director Mukhtar Ahmed said that due to the influence of the weather system, which was active in Doda, Kishtar and south Kashmir, central Kashmir and north Kashmir, also received snowfall. He said while the snowfall is expected to continue in south Kashmir during the night, it may stop in Srinagar. The season's first snowfall turned Srinagar and other parts of the Valley into a "winter wonderland" with a white blanket of snow.

WETTY CHILL SPELL

	RAIN (MM)	SNOWFALL (CM)
Srinagar	3.6	4.5
Qazigund	12.6	9.0
Pahalgam	6.5	8.2
Kokernag	7.2	9.0
Gulmarg	15.2	15.2

From 8.30 am to 5.30 pm

MeT DIRECTOR SAYS SNOWFALL IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN SOUTH KASHMIR DURING THE NIGHT, IT MAY STOP IN SRINAGAR

The snowfall brought smiles to everyone's faces. As it was snowing, the locals, including young children and tourists, celebrated the moment. The boys and girls were seen playing with snowflakes and throwing snowballs at each other.

The tourists, who had come all the way to Kashmir to see live snowfall, were very excited. They captured the unique moment of them enjoying snowfall in images and videos to cherish a memorable experience back home. "We have been praying for snow, and finally, the Almighty accepted our prayers. It will not only provide us much-needed relief from the cold but also help replenish our water reservoirs. It will also boost the tourism sector," said a Srinagar resident Mudasir Ahmed.

The tourists were seen clicking pictures and videos at historic Ganta Ghar, iconic Dal Lake and other places. "We came here the other day, and we consider ourselves lucky that we are here and experiencing live snowfall. It is a unique experience that cannot be described in words. We are enjoying every bit of it," said Rahul Sharma from Delhi.

The snowfall is expected to boost Kashmir's tourism sector. It is expected that the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir and Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir may be fully packed for New Year celebrations. However, while everyone was celebrating the snowfall, the locals were also in trouble as electricity to most of the areas got snapped.

Two climbers found dead on Italy's Gran Sasso massif five days after falling into ravine

South Korea impeaches 2nd president in two weeks

Han took over as prez on December 14 after Yoon was impeached

SEOUL

SOUTH Korean lawmakers impeached acting president Han Duck-soo on Friday, sinking the country even deeper into political crisis two weeks after his predecessor was suspended over a martial law declaration that shocked the world.

Han, a career bureaucrat who was serving as prime minister, took over from President Yoon Suk Yeol on December 14 after parliament voted to impeach him on allegations of insurrection.

Opposition MPs have now also stripped Han of his duties, arguing that he refused demands to complete Yoon's impeachment process and to bring him to justice. "I announce that Prime Minister Han Duck-soo's impeachment motion has passed. Out of the 192 lawmakers who voted, 192 voted to impeach," said National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik.

Lawmakers from the ruling People's Power Party (PPP) loudly protested in parliament after the speaker said only a simple majority was required for impeachment to pass, instead of the two-thirds required to remove Yoon. At the heart of the backlash against Han was his refusal to appoint additional judges to the Constitutional Court, which will decide whether to uphold parliament's decision to impeach Yoon, and now Han as well. The opposition wanted Han to approve three more nominees to fill the nine-member bench, which he had refused to do, leaving both sides in deadlock. PPP lawmakers began chanting angrily, with many rushing towards Woo, demanding that he resign. They did not take part in the vote.

In addition to being the second impeachment of a head of state in just two weeks, Friday's vote was also South Korea's first impeachment of an acting president. PPP leader Kweon Seong-dong said after the vote that Han "must continue to lead state affairs without yielding to the opposition's passage of the impeachment motion".

However, Han said in a statement that he "respects the parliament's decision" and would wait for the Constitutional Court's subsequent decision on whether to uphold it.

Finance Minister Choi Sang-mok, who is now stepping into the roles of both acting president and prime minister, pledged to do all he can to end the political upheaval gripping his country. "Minimising governmental turmoil is of utmost importance at this moment," Choi said in an address shortly after his appointment as acting leader, adding that "the government will also dedicate all its efforts to overcoming this period of turmoil." Amid the ongoing crisis, South Korea's won touched a 16-year low against the US dollar on Friday, faring worse than in the immediate aftermath of Yoon's martial law declaration, which sent the currency sliding to a two-year low. *AFP*

South Korea's finance minister and new acting president Choi Sang-mok (L) speaks as he presides over a meeting of the National Security Council on Friday | AFP

Ruling party moves Constitutional Court

The governing party argued Han's impeachment was 'invalid' because it passed with a simple majority in the 300-member assembly, not a two-thirds majority as claimed by the PPP. There are no specific laws on the impeachment of an acting president, and the PPP filed a petition with the Constitutional Court to review the vote. It's not clear when the court will rule on that request.

NASA probe survives after brush with Sun

WASHINGTON

NASA's Parker Solar Probe has successfully made the closest approach to the sun, the space agency confirmed on Friday.

Earlier this week, the spacecraft passed within a record-breaking 6 million kilometres of the scorching star. NASA received an all-clear message from Parker on Thursday night confirming it survived the journey.

Launched in August 2018, the spaceship is on a seven-year mission to deepen scientific understanding of our star and help forecast space-weather events that can affect life on Earth.

Tuesday's historic flyby should have occurred at precisely 6.53 am (1153 GMT), although mission scientists will have to wait until Friday for confirmation as they lose contact with the craft for several days due to its proximity to the Sun.

"Right now, Parker Solar Probe is flying closer to a star than anything has ever been before," at 3.8 million miles (6.1 million kilometers) away, NASA official Nicky Fox said in a video on social media Tuesday morning.

"It is just a total 'yay, we did it,' moment."

If the distance between Earth and the Sun is the equivalent to the length of an American football field, the spacecraft should have been about four metres from the end zone at the moment of closest approach —known as perihelion.

"This is one example of NASA's bold missions, doing something that no one else has ever done before to answer long-standing questions about our universe," Parker Solar Probe program scientist Arik Posner said in a statement on Monday. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Resident of Veerasagara Village, Vaderahalli Gramapanchayath, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District. I, **Smt. SUSHEELA**, aged about 49 years, Wife of Late Venkatesh, hereby give public notice, Date: 16/12/2024 documents will be Missing @ Veerasagara Village, Site No 07, Hakkupatra No 638, 19-August-2004. If the above Documents found in any moments please inform to the above person/ address or the Advocate Office address.

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE J.M.F.C. AT DEVANAHALLI
Crl. Misc. No. 499/2024
Between:-Smt.A.V.Prema and another ...Petitioners
And:-The Tahsildar, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Smt.A.V.Prema W/o Late.Rudraraja @ Rajanna, aged about 59 years, R/at: Mahadevakodigehalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and another have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Late. Nanjamma W/o Late. Nanjayappa who died on 12.01.2005 at Mahadevakodigehalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **31/01/2025 at 11.00 A.M.** in C.Mis No. 499/2024.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

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Mr. KANNIAPPAN GAJENDRAN, is the beneficial owner of Registered Will of his father Late Annamalai Kanniappan, has lost / missed / misplaced the following original WILL document and has filed e-lost report bearing No. 1402630/2024, dated 27/12/2024:
1. Original WILL bearing Registered No. MLS-3-00183-2018-19, CD No. MLSD148, dated 07/01/2019, Registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Malleswaram, Bengaluru.
Any person/s holding the above documents, is/are hereby requested to return the same to the following person and the address mentioned below:

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IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU
P & SC No. 25062/2024 (CCH-75)
BETWEEN: 1. Smt. Sushila .N, W/o Late Chavan N L, aged 49 years. **2. Smt. Ashwini N C**, D/o Late Chavan .N.L, aged 27 years, **3. Smt. Ankitha NC**, Late Chavan NL, aged 25 years, **4. Smt. Priyanka Chavan**, D/o Late Chavan N L, aged 24 years, **5. Sri. Buddadev N. C**, S/o Late Chavan N L, Aged 22 years, SL. No 1 to 5 are all R/at No 596 A, Mico Layout, BTM II Stage, Bengaluru-560078. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL ... RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the petitioner above named being the legal heirs of the Deceased Late Chavan N L have made an application under section 372 of Indian Succession Act 1925 for the grant of succession certificate with respect of the shares and securities of the deceased Late. Chavan N L who died on 19/11/2020 shown in the schedule any persons having any objection in respect of issuing the succession certificate may file objections before this Hon'ble Court on **13/01/2025.**

SCHEDULE

The details of the Demat Account Bank and the value of the shares left behind by the deceased Late Chavan N L Demat account bearing DP ID: IN302902. Client ID: 40119789 ICICI Bank, having its branch office at No.80 7, Elephant Rock Road, III Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011 and 2000 shares of Infosys limited, ISIN code INE009A01021 Category Type/Sub Type Resident/Ordinary, with the present market value of Rs 37,45,400/-

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 26/12/2024

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru
Advocate for Petitioners
DMS ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No.32, Old No. 10, 1st main Road, Behind Ramanashree Hotel, Sampangiramnagar, Bengaluru- 560027

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client Mr. Mohammed Samiulla, S/o.Mr. Ghafar Sab is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Sy. No. 72, Thoreramanahalli Village, Kuduru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District,; Measuring 0-24 Guntas,; and bounded on: **East by** : Property belonging to Abdul Hameed, **West by:** Property belonging to Abdul Hameed and Mohammed Manjur., **North by**: Property belonging to Mohammed Samiulla and **South by** : Property belonging to Masjid and Mohammed Jhalpikar Ahmed.; While renovating his house, our client has lost Original Sale Deed dated 07/01/2000, Registered as Document No. 1597/1999-2000, Volume-2137, Book-1, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Magadi, pertaining to the said property.

In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 7 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.

SOMASHEKHARA .A.N, Advocate
No. 105, 3rd Floor, MR Mansion, 12th 'D' Main Road, Muthyalanagar, Bengaluru - 560 054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Original Sale deed dated 19.06.1978 executed by The M/S.Bapujinagar Industrial Workers Co-Operative Housing Society Limited in favour of Sri.T.G. Narasimhaiah S/o Sri.Thimmappaiah in respect of land bearing Site No.222, formed in Survey No-381, 382/4, 406 to 411 situated at 1st stage, Kempapura Agrahara, Marenahalli village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, vide bearing Document No. 974/78-79 book 1 volume 561 Pages 117-118 registered in Sub Registrar, Srirampuram, Bangalore has been laminated.

All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of any other copies of sale deed claiming as original document. On behalf of the client Mr.Anjan Kumar.S, the undersigned Advocate hereby invites claims or objections, if any. In case of any claims or objections kindly intimate the undersigned Advocate in writing to the below mentioned address within 15 days from this present. In absence of any claim within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that above said property has no claim by virtue of said laminated Sale deed.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 28.12.2024
Sd/-
M.Padmashree
Advocate
S-1331, Lakshmi Nilaya, Ground floor, 4th cross 4th main, BEL layout Bharathnagar 2nd phase Bangalore 560091.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the lands located in **Kotturu Village, Tondebavi Hobli, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, owned by 1) Smt. Obbamma W/o Ramappa, 2) Bhagyalakshmi W/o B.K.Srinivas Murthy, 3) Smt.Parvathamma,** respectively as detailed in the **"SCHEDULE PROPERTIES"** below.

Any person having objection to the above Sale transaction or any person having any claim or demand in respect of the schedule properties or any part thereof, may lodge his/her/their statement of objections or claims or demands in respect of the schedule properties or any part thereof in writing along with documentary evidence in support of his/her/their claim within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication to the undersigned. In the absence of any genuine or rightful objection/ claims, our client shall proceed to purchase the below mentioned schedule properties, as if there are no claims or objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All the Piece and Parcel of the Agriculture lands bearing **1) Sy.No.26 measuring 5.8 Guntas out of 2 acres 3 guntas, 2) Sy.No.33 measuring 3 acres 15 guntas, 3) Sy.No.27/1 measuring 18 Guntas out of 24 guntas, 4) Sy.No.32/3 measuring 24 Guntas and 5) Sy.No.43/1 measuring 5.4 Guntas, all situated at Kotturu Village, Tondebavi Hobli, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.**

KOUSTUBHA LAW ASSOCIATES
B. RANGASWAMY
Advocate,
No.22, 2nd floor, Railway Parallel Road, Nehru Nagar, Bengaluru:560020.
Ph : 9844083239, 7760635820
Email : klaadvocates@gmail.com
Dated : 28/12/2024 Bangalore

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **Adithya Vishwakarma K N,** R/at No.7A, 1st Cross, ITIES Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore. Crucial document has been reported lost. Original Documents of Survey No. 27/1, 27/2 27/3 Sale dead. 06.07.2015 KNK-1-03138-2015-2016, KNKD364, 11.09.2013 KNK-1-06199-2013-2014, KNKD308, 20.09.2016 KNK-1-06359-2016-2017, KNKD440, 31.03.2017 KNK-1-12407-2016-2017, KNKD472, 31.03.2017 KNK-1-12406-2016-2017, KNKD472, 31.03.2017 KNK-1-12405-2016-2017, KNKD472. The document is been missing at Malleswaram from **01.11.2024 08:00 PM.** Anyone with information about its where abouts is urged to Contact : **Adithya Vishwakarma K N** Phone: **9448487397** nearby police station. Your assistance in locating this document would be greatly appreciated & suitably rewarded. Reference e-Lost Report No. **1393165/2024 Date : 20.12.2024.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that I) Sri.T V Srikanth and ii) Sri.T V Ashok, both sons of Sri.T K Varadaraju, presently residing at No:438D, Second Cross, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore – 560 098, being the co-owners of the schedule property, had entered into a registered Agreement to Sell dt:06-05-2024 registered as document No:968/2024-25, Book I, registered in the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Rajarajeshwarinagar (Jayanagar), Bangalore, with intending purchaser in respect of the schedule property and subsequently, the terms of the Agreement to Sell dt:06-05-2024 has been cancelled by the parties by virtue of registered Deed of Cancellation dt:27/09/2024;

However it is now noticed by the aforesaid co-owners that the Original registered Agreement to Sell dt:06-05-2024 registered as document No:968/2024-25, Book I, registered in the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Rajarajeshwarinagar (Jayanagar), Bangalore, has been misplaced. In the said circumstances, Sri.T V Srikanth, has filed Lost Article Report on 27-12-2024 vide Lost Report No:1401940/2024, with the Bengaluru City Police. Public are informed that the finder/s of the above document/s, are requested to hand over the same to the undersigned and they will be suitably rewarded. General Public are also warned to not enter into any transactions based on the above missing documents and any such transactions will not be binding on the aforesaid co-owners and/or any successors in interest.

SCHEDULE

A Three Bed-Room Apartment bearing Flat No. A-104, in Block-A, on First Floor of Apartment Building known as VISHWAPRIYA VERTICAL GARDEN Municipal no. 1920/36/449/36/32/27/33/448/34/451/35/450/449/27/227/7/A-104 having Total Carpet area of 1028.10 Sq.ft. together with the proportionate pro rata share in the Common areas and having a Super Built up area of 1385.90 Sq.ft. along with Covered Car Parking slots in the Basement Floor and the Apartment having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring. Main Door having Flush Wood frame and paneled shutters. Other doors also having Flush wood frame and paneled shutters and Aluminum Windows, along with electricity, water and sanitary connection, together with an undivided 0.771% right, title, interest, claim and share equivalent to 478.63 Square feet in the composite residentially converted land bearing Sy No.109/1B, 109/2 & Sy.No.110/1B, Sy.No.1100/2, having BBMP Katha No. 36/32/27/33/448/34/451/35/450/449/27/227 Ward No.160 measuring 62,073Sq.ft. situated at Pantarapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Rajarajeshwari Nagara Range, Bengaluru together with all appurtenances whatsoever, whether situated on, below or above the surface and apartment bounded on the:

East by : Flat number B-101
West by : Flat number A-103
North by : Common Corridor
South by: Open Area

Sd/- **T V SRIKANTH**
Son of Sri.T K Varadaraju, No:438D, Second Cross, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560 098
Ph:99720 14376

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No.: (1) ST-OT-Spl-BOP-BCK-24_25, (2) ST-OT-Spl-TMZ-DGHA-24-25, Date: 27.12.2024. For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. DSTE(Co)/ South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-tender for the following works and will be opened at 12.00 hrs. **Sl.No.**-1. **Description of work:** Execution of signaling work, addition & alteration to the Existing system, ordinary repair & maintenance work for the period of two years in Bhogpur (Ex) - Balichak (Ex) section including Panskura East Outer Cabin and Raghunathbari station of South Eastern Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹ 58,84,142.26. **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 1,17,700. **Sl.No.-2. Description of work:** Execution of signaling work, addition & alteration to the Existing system, ordinary repair & maintenance work for the period of two years in Rajgoda-Haldia section including Tamluk-Digha section of South Eastern Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹ 75,69,158.84. **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 1,51,400. **Cost of tender document:** Nil (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Date of opening:** 20.01.2025 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Completion Period:** 24 months (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Date of submission:** Up to 12.00 hrs. of 20.01.2025 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full detail/description/ specification of the tender and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. (PR-957)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client/s intend to purchase the below mentioned Lands all situated at **Kolathur village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore;**

• Survey Number **179/3**, measuring **10 Guntas**, and bounded on the:
East by: Sy.No. 181/1;
West by: Road;
North by: Sy.No.179/2;
South by: Sy.No.179/8.

• Survey Number **179/8**, measuring **10 Guntas**, and bounded on the:
East by: Sy.No.181/1;
West by: Road;
North by: Sy.No.179/3;
South by: Sy.No. 179/9.

• Survey Number **179/9**, measuring **10 Guntas**, and bounded on the:
East by: Sy.No.181/1;
West by: Road;
North by: Sy.No.179/8;
South by: Sy.No.179/10.

• Survey Number **179/10**, measuring **10 Guntas**, and bounded on the:
East by: Sy.No.181/1;
West by: Road;
North by: Sy.No.179/9;
South by: Sy.No.182.

From : **Sri.Jagadeesh. N., Son of Sri. Narayanappa. K, along with others.**

Person/s having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from today to the undersigned.

SRIHARSHAN ASSOCIATES,
Advocate,
Jyothi Rajesh
No. LIG-65D, 3rd Floor, Near Hoskote Police Station, KHB Colony, Hoskote Town, Bangalore-562114 Ph.8553324236
Mail: sriharshan2019@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby notified that my client **Sri. Purushothama K. M.** S/o Late M. Manchaiah, Aged about 57 years, R/at 1115, 7th Block, Sir. M. Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Vishvaneedam post, Bengaluru-560091 would like to purchase the BDA Site No.3914, having BDA PID No. 6000052017, situated at 6th Block, "I" Sector, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda layout form in Survey No. 87 of Bheemanakuppe village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk formed by the B.D.A, Bengaluru, measuring East to west 9.00 meters and North to south 6.00 meters totally measuring 54 square meters or 581.25 square feet from Mrs. Chetana Srinivas wife Sri. M.G. Srinivas, R/at. No.112, G.K.W Layout, 3rd Cross Road, Vijayanagara, Bangalore 560040. Aadhaar No.9941 0605 3228 is the absolute owner and she has purchased the schedule property under a sale deed dated 26.04.2021, registered as a doc. No.TVR–1–00312–2021–22, Book-1, stored in CDNo.TVRD833, registered on 26.04.2021 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore. If anybody has any claims, right, title and interest over the schedule property shall file an objections if any with documents in support you claims within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice the address given below, failing which, we can constrain to treat it as no objections and if any objections filed beyond 7 days will not be entertain and the same is not binding on my client or to the financial institution.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Site No.3914, having BDA PID No. 6000052017, situated at 6th Block, "I" Sector, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda layout form in Survey No. 87 of Bheemanakuppe village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru, measuring East to west 9.00 meters and North to south 6.00 meters totally measuring 54 square meters or 581.25 square feet and bounded on the,
East by:Road, **West by** :site No. 3933,
North by :site No. 3915 **South by:** siteNo.3913.
Address to file objections;
Thimmanna, Advocate,
No.6, 1st Floor, Samrudhi Complex, Ullala Main Road, Muneshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560056.
Date:27/12/2024 **Bangalore**

NOTICE

Anand Balram Nichani, No-46C, Fair Field Layout, Race Course Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore.

NOTICE is hereby given that the certificates for the under mentioned securities of the Company have been lost/ misplaced and the holders of the said securities/applicants have applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificates.

Any person who has a claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with the Company's Registrar **TSR Consultants Pvt. Ltd.** at its Registered Office **C-101, 247 Park, L.B.S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai 400083, Maharashtra** within **15 days** from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificates without further intimation.

Names of holder and Jt. holder, if any	Kind of Securities and face value	No. of Securities	Distinctive Numbers
First Holder- BALRAM NICHANI, Joint Holder- ANAND BALRAM NICHANI	**Shares of TATA ELXSI LTD Folio No. EXB0004740, Certificate No-57638**	**100**	**11732111-11732210**
	Shares of TATA ELXSI LTD Folio No. EXB0004740, Certificate No-B246060	**100**	**32139922-32140021**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.12.2024

Names of Holders / Applicants
First Holder BALRAM NICHANI
Joint Holder ANAND BALRAM NICHANI

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION IT CELL

I.T.C.C.No.C1/2435/2024

ERRATA

Following errata is made to the tender notice of IT Cell, Greater Chennai Corporation published in New Indian Express dated : 19.12.2024

	AS PUBLISHED	TO BE READ AS
Details of the work	**The Last Date and time for e-submission of bid document and for payment of EMD submitted through online - 02.01.2025 upto 3.00 PM**	**The Last Date and time for e-submission of bid document and for payment of EMD submitted through online - 09.01.2025 upto 3.00 PM**
	Tenders will be opened on 03.01.2025 at 3.15 PM in the chamber of Senior System Manager, IT Cell, Greater Chennai Corporation	**Tenders will be opened on 10.01.2025 at 3.15 PM** in the chamber of Senior System Manager, IT Cell, Greater Chennai Corporation

DIPR / 5677 / Tender / 2024 **SENIOR SYSTEM MANAGER**

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED
OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001,Odisha
CIN: U13100OR1956SGC000313, www.omcltd.in

Short Notice of National e-auction of Bauxite (dt.01.01.2025, 13th e-auction)

CAD-2023: The Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. intends to sell **Gibbsitic Bauxite** having basis 40% Al_2O_3 produced at Kodingamali mines situated in Rayagada & Koraput Districts of Odisha State through National e-auction on **"as is where is, whatever there is and no complaint basis"** which will be conducted by MSTC Ltd. The e-auction shall be held on dt. **01.01.2025** from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM.

For details, please visit the website of MSTC i.e www.mstcecommerce.com

OIPR- 30005/11/0124/2425 **Sd/- Chief General Manager (S&M)**

PANCHAYAT RAJ & DRINKING WATER DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS & SDIVISION, NABARANGPUR
Tel-(06858)222643, E-Mail: eerwssngp@gmail.com
INVITATION FOR BIDS
No: RWSS_NGP_ONLINE_05/2024-25 DATED: - 23/12/2024

0-1037: The Executive Engineer RWS&S Division Nabarangpur on behalf of Additional Chief Engineer, RWSS Circle, Koraput invites percentage rate bid through E- Procurement in double cover system according to norm of E- Procurement system in on-line mode.

1. Name of Works : As mentioned in Table "A" which includes Construction of different capacity ESR/OGR, laying of different dia. HDPE/GI Pipe line, FHTC and its ancillary work in connection with the Pipe water supply scheme in different Block under Nabarangpur District
2. No. of Works : 5 (Five) No. (Detailed in Tender Call Notice available in the website)
3. Estimated Cost : As mentioned in Table "A"
4. Tender Paper Cost : As mentioned in Table "A"
5. Class of Contractor : As mentioned in Table "A"
6. Period of Completion : As mentioned in Table "A"
7. Critical Dates : *Further details can be seen in the bidding documents, which is available in the-procurement Portal: https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in, *Publication of this tender can be seen in the web portal : https://odisha.gov.in/state-tenders-advertisement, *Subsequent corrigendum if required shall be appeared in the web site. Authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for Bidding		Last Date of Seeking tender Clarification	Last date of receipt of confirmation letter & other	Date of opening of Bid
		From	To			
Executive Engineer, RWSS Division, Nabarangpur	RWSS_NGP_ONLINE_05 of 2024-25	02.01.2025 at 05.00PM	10.01.2025 at 05.00PM	09.01.2025 up to 5.00 PM	10.01.2025 up to 05.00PM.	13.01.2025 a1 11.00 AM

OIPR-25028/11/0007/2425 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Nabarangpur**

ICICI Bank Registered Office:ICICI Bank Limited, ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, No.4/10, Mytree Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068

TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002
[See proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules]
Public Notice for Sale of Immovable Property/Secured Asset

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor(s) and the Guarantor(s) that the property more fully described hereunder **("Secured Asset")** mortgaged to ICICI Bank Ltd and IDFC First Bank Ltd on pari passu basis **("Secured Creditor"),** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without any recourse" basis, as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Name of Borrower/ Mortgagors/Guarantors:	Secured Creditor	Date of 13(2) Notice and Amount Demanded	Amount Outstanding
Borrower: M S Marketing Enterprises Pvt Ltd having addresses at No.21, 3rd Floor, Kumarakrupa Road, Opp to Hotel Vividus, Bengaluru- 560 001; No.19/1, Ground Floor, KCD Complex, 3rd Cross, CSI Compound Unity Building, Bengaluru- 560 027, 136/137, Madanayakanahalli, Lakshmipura Main Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru- 560 055, B3, 1st Floor, Jyothi Complex, No. 134/1, Infantry Road, Bengaluru- 560 001 **Mortgagors:** Mr. Anil Mehra & Mrs. Monica Mehra (for Secured Asset described herein) **Guarantors:** Mr. Anil Mehra; Mrs. Monica Mehra; Mr. Shravan Mehra; Mr. Subhan Sharief; Mrs. Yasmeen Sharief	ICICI Bank Ltd	September 03, 2021, Rs.13,06,19,658.34/-	Rs. 18,49,32,502.46/- as on December 01, 2024 together with further interest & cost thereon
	IDFC First Bank Ltd	June 21, 2021, Rs.19,75,06,278.00/-	Rs. 27,91,48,353.00/- as on November 30, 2024 together with further interest & cost thereon

Outstanding is after recoveries made by secured creditors after demand notice.

Details of Immovable Property/Secured Asset:

Property	Reserve Price	Date & Time of E-Auction
All that piece and parcel of **Residential site** bearing No. W-40, in **Eagleton The Golf Village** and bearing Khata No. 481/W-40/229, situated in various Sy. Nos of Billekempanahalliz Village, **Bidadi Hobli,** Ramanagaram Taluk, **Bengaluru** admeasuring 5400 square feet, more or less, bounded by: East: Road, West: Site No. W-45, North: Site No. W-41, South: Site No. W-39	**Reserve Price:** Rs.1,40,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs.14,00,000/- **Incremental Bid:** In multiples of Rs.1,00,000/-	**Date & Time of E-Auction: January 21, 2024** from 10:30 A.M to 11:30 A.M, with unlimited extension of five minutes each.

1. The Secured Asset shall be sold by Tender cum e-Auction through ICICI Bank's approved service provider M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited (Disposal Hub) (https://DisposalHub.com) under the supervision of ICICI Bank.
2. The intending bidder shall pay the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") before 3:00 P.M of January 20, 2025 by way of crossed Demand Draft/Pay Order from a Scheduled Bank/Nationalised Bank drawn in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited, A/c M S Marketing Enterprises Pvt Ltd" payable at par in all branches, or through NEFT/RTGS remitted in the designated account of ICICI Bank, i.e A/c No: 0104SL0COLLN, IFSC Code: ICIC0000104, Account Name: ICICI Bank-Inland Collection Liabilities.
3. Bids in the prescribed format given in the Tender Document shall be submitted to "The Authorised Officer, ICICI Bank Ltd, No.4/10, Mytree Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068" either by electronic mode or physical mode, along with documentary evidence, KYC documents (attested copy of PAN card, proof in support of identity and address) as attachment to the bid form along with proof of payment of EMD amount by way of RTGS/ NEFT/Demand Draft/ Pay Order, before 3:00 P.M (IST) of January 20, 2025. The cover should be superscribed with "Bid Form and EMD for M S Marketing Enterprises Pvt Ltd".
4.The highest bidder shall deposit 25.0% of the sale price including EMD immediately on the same day of auction or not later than next working day and balance within 15 days of confirmation of sale of the property.
5. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the Secured Asset. The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of Secured Asset put for auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ affecting the Secured Asset, prior to submitting their bid. This notice of sale does not constitute and will not deem to constitute any commitment or representation of the Secured Creditors. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Secured Creditors. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditors shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues.
6. The intending purchasers/bidders shall not be entitled to raise any objection as to area, boundary or title or other particulars, as the same are believed to be and shall be taken as correct and if any error or misstatement or omission if discovered in the particulars of the Secured Asset, the same shall not annul the sale nor shall be entitled to any compensation from the Secured Creditors or its Officers and no complaint for compensation of any nature will be entertained.
7. The sale shall be subject to terms and conditions as incorporated in this public notice and as prescribed in Bid/Tender Document. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any tender/bid or to modify the terms and conditions of the sale or adjourn/extend/postpone the sale/e-auction, without assigning any reason thereof.
8. For any further clarifications with regards to property particulars, inspection, auction sale, terms and conditions of auction, submission of tenders, kindly contact Bank official on Phone No: 8971944211 between 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on working days of the Bank.

Date : December 27, 2024
Place : Bangalore
SD/- Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Wednesday 08-01-2025 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.

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Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER		FOREX	
226.59	Sensex	78,699.07	₹270	24 carat (10 gm)	₹78,150	1 kg	₹92,500	Dollar	85.59
63.20	Nifty	23,813.40	₹250	22 carat (10 gm)	₹71,650	10 gm	₹925	Euro	89.27

DIGITAL PAYMENT

RBI allows UPI access via third-party payment apps

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank on Friday allowed the popular unified payments interface (UPI) access to prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) through third-party applications, making it easier for users to link their digital wallets to UPI-enabled apps.

In a circular issued to prepaid payment instrument issuers -banks and non-banks, the National Payments Corporation (NPCI) and system participants on Friday, the central bank said hence forth, all prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) can access the UPI though the third-party applications.

Currently, UPI payments from/to a bank account can be carried out using the UPI application of that bank or of any third-party application provider but UPI payments from/to a PPI can only be carried out using the mobile application provided by the PPI issuer only.

The central bank had said in the April 2024 that it would enable UPI payments from/to full-KYC PPIs through third-party UPI applications.

The move will enable PPI holders to make/receive UPI payments through the mobile application of third-party UPI applications, the regulator said, adding the relevant provisions in this regard have been amended in the master directions August 27, 2021 on prepaid payment instruments.

The revised master direction requires that to achieve interoperability through UPI, the PPI holders shall be on-boarded for UPI by their own PPI issuer only. PPI issuer shall only link its customer wallets to the handle issued to it. PPI issuer as PSP shall not on-board customers of any bank or any other PPI issuer. Also, authentication shall be completed by the PPI holder as permissible according to her/his existing wallet credentials. In other words, a transaction will be pre-approved before it reaches the UPI.

Rupee hits record low of 85.81/$

Local currency falls 38 paise from previous close to 85.5914 as dollar continues to rally

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE rupee hit an intra-day low of 85.81 to the dollar on Friday, despite the RBI selling the forex reserves from its kitty to prop up the domestic currency.

The domestic currency tanked 38 paise from the previous close to settle at 85.5914 on Friday as dollar continued to rally and importers were constantly lapping up the greenback. Traders are expecting more pains for the currency and see it falling to 86 by March.

For the reporting period ending December 20, forex reserves had fallen by $8.5 billion to a seven-month low at $644.39 billion, only enough to cover nearly 11 months of imports.

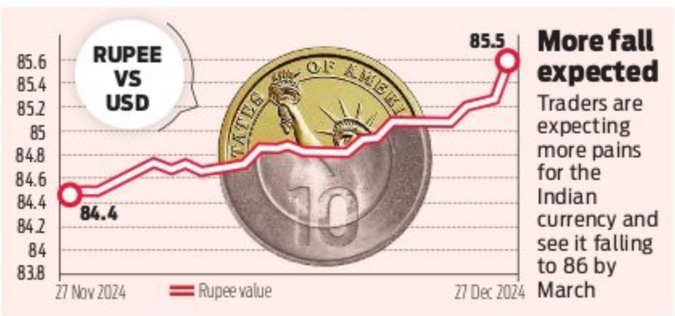
As per the weekly forex data released by the RBI on Friday, the reserves fell by $8.478 billion in the reporting week, making it biggest weekly fall in over a month. They had declined by $5.2 billion in the prior two weeks and this is the third recurring week of losses. The week ending November 22 had seen the highest ever fall of the kitty at $17.8 billion.

The RBI has been selling dollars to contain the wild volatility in the rupee and has from October sold more than $50 billion in doing so. That apart, it has also spent a whopping $49 billion to defend the unit in the offshore market in October alone, which though would not reflect in the forex data.

The reporting week's fall is also due to the valuation effect of the foreign currency assets, which are the biggest component of the reserves, decreased by $6.014 billion to $556.562 billion, the RBI said. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

For the rupee, Friday's was the deepest cut in seven months and has so far this year weakened by 3% against the US dollar, and is on course to post annual losses for seventh year in a row, a currency analyst said. The rupee fell for the ninth day in a row, closing below the psychologically key level of 85.50 for the first time. The rupee's worst fall in recent months was on June 4 when it lost more than a percentage point value.

On a monthly basis too, the rupee is set for worst month in two years. The rupee fell nearly 0.3 percent on the week, its eight consecutive weekly fall.



More fall expected

Traders are expecting more pains for the Indian currency and see it falling to 86 by March

Osamu Suzuki, architect of India's automobile revolution, dies at 94

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

OSAMU SUZUKI, chairman of Suzuki Motor Corp (SMC), passed away from lymphoma on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, the company announced in a statement on Friday. He was 94.

Osamu's contributions to India's automotive industry were remarkable. It was under his leadership Suzuki partnered with Maruti Udyog Limited in 1981 to launch iconic Maruti Suzuki 800, a car that revolutionised the Indian market. When Suzuki entered the market, annual car sales in the country were about 40,000 units. Today, India sells over 4 million cars annually, with Maruti Suzuki commanding a market share of over 40%.

"His foresight and leadership were instrumental in the formation of Maruti Udyog," Maruti Suzuki said in a statement.

R C Bhargava, chairman of Maruti Suzuki, praised Osamu's vision, calling him a key figure behind India's automotive transformation. "Without Osamu's willingness to take risks, his deep love for India and his capabilities as a teacher, Indian automobile industry could not have become the powerhouse it is today," Bhargava said. He recalled Osamu's visit to Delhi in July to attend his birthday, describing it as a deeply touching moment and their last meeting. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "He had a profound affection for India and his collaboration with Maruti revolutionised the Indian automobile market," the PM said. Osamu's career was marked by resilience and innovation. In early 1970s, he steered Suzuki through a crisis by persuading Toyota to supply engines that met new emissions regulations. He forged partnerships with General Motors and Volkswagen, solidifying Suzuki's global presence.

The story of Maruti Suzuki 800

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Rising through ranks

Osamu joined Suzuki in 1958 through his marriage to Shoko, the granddaughter of the company's founder, Michio Suzuki. Rising within the ranks, he became president in 1978 and went on to serve as chairman and CEO for several decades

JSW Energy to buy O2 Power for ent value of ₹12,468 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JSW Neo Energy, a wholly-owned subsidiary of JSW Energy, has announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire 4,696 MW renewable energy platform from O2 Power Pooling Pte. Ltd, a joint venture between EQT Infrastructure and Temasek.

The transaction involves acquisition of O2 Power Midco Holdings Pte. Ltd and O2 Energy SG Pte. Ltd and is subject to approval from the Competition Commission of India and other customary regulatory clearances. The transaction values the platform at an enterprise valuation of nearly ₹12,468 crore ($ 1.47 bn), after adjusting for net current assets.

"This acquisition strengthens our positioning as a leading player in India's energy sector," said Sharad Mahendra, joint MD and CEO of JSW Energy. O2 Power is a renewable energy platform with a capacity of 4,696 MW – where 2,259 MW will be operational by June 2025, 1,463 MW is currently under construction, and an additional 974 MW are in the pipeline, all scheduled for commissioning by June 2027. The platform has a blended average tariff of ₹3.37/KWh with remaining life of 23 years. The capacities are spread across seven resource-rich states of India. This acquisition will leapfrog the company's locked-in generation capacity by 23%, from 20,012MW to 24,708MW.

"This is an attractive acquisition – both from 'Build vs Buy' trade off as well as from a quality and value perspective when compared to all acquisitions in this space over recent times, and is consistent with our long track record of being prudent in capital allocation and focusing on high cash returns projects above our hurdle rate of mid-teen Equity IRR," said Pritesh Vinay, director (finance) and CFO of JSW Energy.

UltraTech buys 8.69% stake in Star Cement

The country's largest cement manufacturer Ultratech has acquired 8.69% stake in Star Cement for ₹851 crore. Star Cement, which has a strong presence in North-Eastern India, has a production capacity of about 5.7 million tonne per annum (MTPA).

The company has plans to expand its capacity to 9.7 MTPA by 2025-26 and 12 MTPA by 2027. "Some promoter and promoter group entities of Star Cement Limited, having its registered office at Village Lumshnong, Dist.: East Jaintia Hills, Khaliehriat, Meghalaya – 793210 propose to sell their equity holding in Star Cement and have approached the company for the same," said Ultratech in an exchange filing on Friday. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Zepto delivers 2 cr snacks between 12-4 am in '24

New Delhi: Quick commerce platforms Zepto said over 2 crore snacks were ordered between 12 am and 4 am and that Bengaluru showed self-care with 28,000 massagers ordered. *ENS*

Hero expands partnership with Harley-Davidson

New Delhi: Hero MotoCorp has expanded its collaboration with Harley-Davidson to launch new products. The partners will introduce new trims of Harley-Davidson X440 and develop an all-new bike. *ENS*

India Inc remembers Singh, his 1991 reforms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE various policies introduced by Manmohan Singh played an important role in lifting India's economic growth and making it a powerhouse, top business tycoons said while remembering the former Prime Minister and Finance Minister who passed away on Thursday at the age of 92.

Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said Singh's most defining contribution was the 1991 reforms, which spurred a multi-decadal economic boom and more importantly reshaped the calculus of possibilities for India and Indians.

N Chandrasekaran, chairman, Tata Sons, stated that Singh was one of the stalwarts who envisioned a new, liberalised India that is taking its rightful place in the world.

"Singh will always be remembered for his visionary thinking and deep insights while always being humble and upholding his personal values," added Chandrasekaran.

Baba Kalyani, chairman & MD of Bharat Forge, said the Budget, the New Industrial Policy and Foreign Trade Policy that Singh announced in 1991 are pathbreaking reforms in India's economic history, that heralded the country's transformation from a command and control-based to a free-market economy and set course for India and Indian companies to participate in the globalisation era.

"While the 1991 economic reforms were his defining moment, Singh's terms as the Prime Minister will be remembered for the historic US-India Nuclear deal, setting up the UIDAI and subsequent launch of AADHAR, the MNREGA scheme promoting rural infrastructure creation among others," said Kalyani. Singh served as the Prime Minister of India between 2004 and 2014. During this period, India saw a decade of robust economic growth, with GDP growing at an average of 6.9% annually.

"Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, was a gentleman, a scholar, and a value-based politician. His leading the economic reforms, under the guidance of Sri Narasimha Rao, is what laid a strong and durable foundation for the acceleration of India's economic growth. Therefore, every Indian should be extremely grateful to this extraordinary individual for enhancing the prosperity of our country." - Narayana Murthy, founder, Infosys Limited

Force behind US-India nuclear deal, MNREGA

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IN MEMORY

Manmohan Singh: The silent Prime Minister or a humane economist?

EXPECTATIONS of Dr Manmohan Singh, the trailblaer of India's new economic policy, is no more. Economists around the world remember him for his brilliance and humility, and predominantly for his role in opening up the state-controlled Indian economy, when he was appointed Finance Minister of India in 1991.

The NIPFP (the think tank of finance ministry where I work) had immense opportunities to work with him. It is interesting to recall that in 2004, when Singh was named as Indian Prime Minister, India was embarking into a Common Minimum Programme with dual objectives of economic growth and equity. I remember it was a tough call, given the constrained fiscal space for expenditure design for the poor under the new fiscal rules to contain the mounting fiscal deficits.

Making efforts to phase out revenue deficit, while designing innovative revenue spending for MNREGA to ensure job guarantee schemes, was a tough call during his regime.

Singh's 1991 economic policies, though hailed as unparalleled reforms in the history of India, received criticism for widening inequalities within India. However, his policies focusing on social infrastructure, especially education (rights-based education reforms RTE) and health are praiseworthy in correcting these inequalities.

LEKHA CHAKRABORTY
Professor NIPFP and Governing Board Member, International Institute of Public Finance, Munich

As economists, we enjoyed his emphasis on fiscal transparency and accountability to link resources to results. Dr Singh led his government to adopt transparency in governance by adopting RTI. These transparency initiatives helped the citizens to have a say in governance. Later, it led to formation of new political movements and political parties in India.

In his second term, Dr Singh started to get criticisms about the deals which are happening in the country when CAG Vinod Rai came up with statements about fiscal accountability. This coincided with falling growth and mounting inflation. His silence during that time was attacked by Simon Denyer, the New Delhi bureau chief of the Washington Post, which created havoc.

The policy solace during that time was the continuous work happening in India towards digital India, in co-ordination with Nandan Nikelani, which led to the Aadhar revolution. India also embarked into Gender Budgeting by integrating a gender lens into macroeconomic policies during this time.

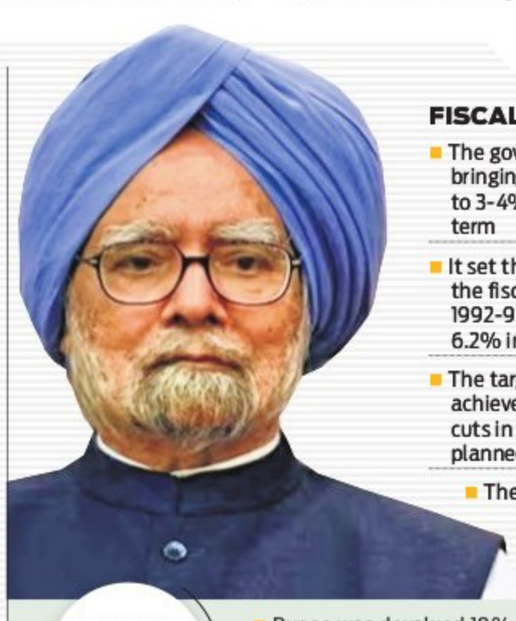
These are clearly the initiatives taken by him "beyond the GDP paradigm" towards human development.

My last exposure to Dr Manmohan Singh was when I got an opportunity to understand his take on Indian fiscal federalism, in 2019, prior to covid pandemic. He was very concerned about the Terms of Reference of the 15th Finance Commission. He was very worried about the "unilateralism", which he believed was not good for a federal polity and cooperative federalism. He alerted that a strong feeling exists in contemporary India that the central government is "trying to rob the States of its due resources".

Dr Singh is indelibly imprinted in my mind as a humane economist, whose deeds spoke far more than his words. History will definitely be kind to him, taking note of the fact that "Don't play everything (or every time); let some things go by … What you don't play can be more important than what you do."

REFORMS INITIATED BY MANMOHAN SINGH

The architect of India's economic liberalisation – Dr Manmohan Singh breathed his last late on Thursday. Singh, who is known for heralding the era of market economy in India, is remembered more for his stint as finance minister from 1991-96 than his stints as the prime minister in the from 2004 to 2014:



UNSHACKLING THE ECONOMY

TRADE POLICY REFORMS

- Rupee was devalued 18% to make Indian exports competitive
- Import restrictions for exporters were reduced
- Import of capital goods was allowed without the need of govt permission.
- Exports trading houses were allowed to have 51% foreign equity
- The govt rationalised tariff structure and removed of quantitative restrictions on imports

FISCAL DISCIPLINE

- The govt set the target of bringing down fiscal deficit to 3-4% in the medium-term
- It set the target of bringing the fiscal deficit target of 1992-93 to 5%, down from 6.2% in the previous year
- The target was to be achieved through major cuts in subsidies and non-planned expenditures
- The govt announced major tax reforms to boost its tax revenue.

Former finance minister Manmohan Singh was the economic engineer for the then Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao | PTI

MONETARY POLICY REFORMS

- Tighter measures were planned to reduce non-discretionary imports
- For that cost of import credit was increased
- Tighter monetary and credit policy was envisaged to contain the current account deficit
- New monetary tools like 364-day T-bills, 10 and 15-year securities were introduced for the govt to borrow from the market

INDUSTRIAL POLICY REFORMS

- Greater private sector participation was allowed in core and basic industries
- Number of industries reserved for the public sector was reduced to 8 from 17
- Industrial licensing was abolished for all industries except 18 **environmentally-risky** sectors.
- Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Act was amended to eliminate need for permission by large companies for capacity expansion
- Small-scale enterprises were allowed to sell **44% equity** to large companies.

FDI POLICY

- The limit for foreign equity holding raised from 40% to 51% in priority sector industries.
- Foreign Investment Promotion Board was established to streamline the process of approval of FDI

TELECOM POLICY

- Introduced a unified access licensing regime for telecom services across the country in his tenure as PM between 2004-14

Pitch invader who tried to hug Kohli booked by police

In the morning session, an intruder wearing a blue shirt that had "Free" written on the Ukrainian flag printed on ran onto the pitch in the ongoing fourth Test of the BGT in Melbourne. He was soon taken away from the venue. Later, Victoria police released a statement saying that they had charged the 25-year-old.

Visitors lose three quick wickets in the closing minutes to be placed in a tricky position

Six minutes of chaos for India

Yashasvi Jaiswal reacts after being run out on Day 2 on Friday | AFP

YASHASVI Jaiswal turned around and looked at Virat Kohli as Alex Carey took the bails off at the striker's end. Kohli indicated the fielder was neigh as the youngster gestured it was his call before shaking his head all the way to the dressing here at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday. He was 18 runs shy of his second century of the series.

That was just the first of the few maddening minutes before bails were drawn on the second day. Moments later, he did a facepalm without removing the helmet, put his head down as the crowd stood up and applauded an outstanding innings that came to an end with an unnecessary run out less than half hour before stumps. By then Jaiswal, batting on 82 off 117 balls, had just completed a 100-run stand with Kohli. After the peach from Pat Cummins on the stroke of tea (to remove KL Rahul), the two batters ensured the visitors remained in the contest.

What triggered the response and forced Jaiswal to take a run only exists in the realm of speculation. Perhaps he wanted to keep strike. He drove Scott Boland down to mid-on and called for a single and dashed like a 100m sprinter. On the other end Kohli took a couple of steps and started looking at the fielder -- going by the coaching manual a sacrilege when the ball travels in front of the wicket. The no was not loud enough to send Jaiswal back. After battling for two hours and stitching together a 100-run stand, Jaiswal perished – run out. Aussie captain Cummins was the fielder.

That was the beginning of a mini-slide. That also brought the 88000-strong MCG to their feet. A day after Kohli shouldered Konstas, it was expected. The Boooooos welcomed Kohli when he walked to the pitch and accompanied him when he walked back. And the loudest was heard when he nicked Boland. Akash Deep who was sent as a nightwatchman too walked back. For Kohli though the boos had been his constant company throughout the innings. The day did not begin well either. Under-fire captain Rohit Sharma, promoting himself up the order after failing in Brisbane, survived five balls before scooping one to the mid-on, all tangled up in his shot just like his fortune and form.

Rahul, coming in at No 3, was undone by Cummins and now, it was on the duo to revive the innings. From 51/2, they would go on to take India to 152/3 and did so with sheer discipline. Kohli, as Steve Smith would say later, perhaps looked the best he has this series and it seemed like he was determined to spend time in the middle and not lose his wicket to another outside off delivery. Ever since Rohit joined the team after the Perth win, he had failed to inspire the team. When Aussies began their innings on Friday, instead of introducing the ever-dependable Jasprit Bumrah into the attack called up Mohammad Siraj. Overnight batters Steve Smith and Pat Cummins lapped the offer up in glee.

Perhaps for the first time since Perth, Cummins was challenged as a skipper. He had to set up funky fields, with a strong leg side one for Jaiswal and not so much for Kohli. But none of it worked until the unexpected moment of madness. Smith, who had the best view from slips, said: "Looks like Jaiswal called yes, ran, and Virat sent him back. Simple as that. Yeah, I didn't see much more than that. I was running in, pretty excited. It was a nice wicket." The run out was obviously the starting point as India lost the plot in the 18 minutes they had left. Once Kohli got out, Rishabh Pant would take a single off Mitchell Starc, exposing Akash Deep for the rest of the over. Soon enough, Starc would have him as India went from 152/2 to 159/5. "It was a huge last hour for us," Smith would admit later,

In the end, Pant played out the last over alongside Ravindra Jadeja, taking India to 164/5. In a span of 15 minutes, India lost three wickets and with it the initiative they gained in the afternoon and most part of the evening. Unfortunately, there seemed to be a pattern. Not long ago, India lost four wickets in a span of 13 minutes against New Zealand in Mumbai. That too involved a Kohli run out and Pant was left standing alongside Shubman Gill, who was dropped for the fourth Test against Australia.

SCOREBOARD

Australia 1st innings (Overnight 311/6): Smith b Akash Deep 140, Cummins c Reddy b Ravindra Jadeja 49, Starc b Jadeja 15, Lyon lbw Bumrah 13, Boland not out 6; **Extras:** (LB-11, W-10, NB-6) 27, **Total:** (in 122.4 Overs) 474; **FoW:** 7-411, 8-455, 9-455; **Bowling:** Bumrah 28.4-9-99-4, Siraj 23-3-122-0, Akash 26-8-94-2, Jadeja 23-4-78-3, Reddy 7-021-0, Washington 15-2-49-1; **India 1st innings:** Jaiswal run out Cummins 82, Sharma c Boland b Cummins 3, Rahul b Cummins 24, Kohli c Carey b Boland 36, Akash c Lyon b Boland 0, Pant batting 6, Jadeja batting 4; **Extras:** (LB-2, W-5, NB-2) 9; **Total:** (5 wickets in 46 Overs) 164; **FoW:** 1-8, 2-51, 3-153, 4-154, 5-159; **Bowling:** Starc 13-0-48-0, Cummins 13-2-57-2, Boland 12-3-24-2, Lyon 5-1-18-0, Marsh 3-0-15-0.

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Smith regains midas touch

GOMESH S @ Melbourne

Steve Smith after reaching his century on Day 2 on Friday | AFP

IN many ways, it was coming. From the moment he got that century in Brisbane, Steve Smith seemed like he was going to pile on. It was always going to be about getting that one innings out of the way. The moment he did that at the Gabba, he knew he was not going to stop. Even on day two of the Boxing Day Test at the MCG, long before the play began, the former Australian captain was among the first to hit the outdoor nets. He had spent enough time getting into this zone before he even took strike on Friday morning. It's nothing new if you had followed Smith's career. It's just the way he operates.

In Melbourne, he had come in to bat at a time Australia had settled in. The ball was softer and he was not up against a lethal and fresh Jasprit Bumrah. Something he had spoken about in Brisbane as well. All he had to do, in his own words, was to trust the process and stick to the methods. He believed that he was out of runs and not out of form. And once the runs came at The Gabba, that, too, was off his back. That he had spent a lot of time facing left-arm spinners in the nets in the lead up to the Boxing Day Test only helped.

What also helped was the "rub of green" going his way. He survived umpire's calls, was saved by his trigger movement and true bounce the surface had early in his innings. Once he spent some time, India captain Rohit Sharma keeping the field open, Smith had no trouble getting the scoreboard moving. Whether it is Ravindra Jadeja or Washington Sundar, he had no trouble in working them around or using his feet.

Against pacers, even when he would play and miss, Smith would go to the square, let the previous ball go and refocus. He would take fresh guard and do it all over again. Ask him what the plan was on Friday morning, he would say nothing. He just likes to bat and wants to bat is the answer you would get. And bat he did on Friday.

Such was the way he covered the line, even if he got squared up, Smith would get away with it. Even if the ball gets the outside edge, it would either fall short of slip to go through to the ropes. The only time he took bowlers on knowing the risk involved was when Smith hooked Bumrah for a six to get into the nineties. Once the hundred came, it did through a drive off Nitish Reddy, there was going to be no stopping him. It was one of those phases where he would get in awkward shape and still find gaps. From getting to his century of 167 balls, Smith raced to 140 in 196.

He did not look like he would get out and the way he was dismissed only confirmed as much. Smith charged at Akash Deep and the ball bounced off his pad and rolled on to the stumps. On any other day, the bails might not have fallen, but here it did. His 34th century at a strike rate of 71.06 came to an end. While from the outside, the discussions had been about the pitch being flatter and India struggling on it, clearly that wasn't entirely the case. Smith explained later: "I think the ball's probably getting softer, quicker than perhaps it normally does, which maybe takes a little bit of the life and the carry out of it. But I still think there's some seam on offer. And even swing, I think it swung yesterday. They were swinging it 80 overs. So, yeah, there's still enough on offer for sure."

"I think you need a lot of luck on these wickets to get big runs as well, the ones we're playing at the moment. And last week I had my fair share. I think I got an umpire's call and got beaten on numerous occasions when on other days I'd nick it. So, yeah, you need a bit of luck. But you've just got to have faith that you're going to turn it around," he added.

And Australia made the most of it after Smith's 140 helped them post 474 to keep India on the ropes. It is now up to one of the Indian middle-order batters to replicate what Smith did out in the middle.

Mohammedan play out goalless draw vs Odisha

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

MOHAMMEDAN SC held Odisha FC to a goalless draw at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in the Indian Super League (ISL) on Friday to break their five-game-long losing streak in the competition.

The Juggernauts dominated 57.6 per cent of the possession, but couldn't find a single shot on target, as opposed to the two of the home side. With this outcome, Odisha moved to fourth place with 20 points. They have better goal difference over Mumbai, who also have the same tally but have played a game less. Mohammedan, meanwhile, remain bottom of the standings with just six points from 13 games so far.

No extra pressure for Slot as Liverpool win

AGENCIES @ Liverpool

Cody Gakpo celebrates after scoring Liverpool's opening goal | AP

ARNE Slot insists Liverpool's commanding position at the top of the Premier League table has led to no extra strain during his first season in charge at Anfield. Thursday's 3-1 win over Leicester left Liverpool seven points clear at the summit.

Liverpool have lost just one game so far this season, with Slot overseeing a seamless transition after taking over from Jurgen Klopp. Slot's side had to come from behind against Leicester after Jordan Ayew scored six minutes in, with goals from Cody Gakpo, Curtis Jones and Mohamed Salah turning the tide. "You're sitting in front of the Liverpool manager, so there is always pressure at this club," the 46-year-old said. "If we are one, two, three, four or five in the table, if you work at a big club like Liverpool, there is always pressure..."

United lose to Wolves

LONDON: Bruno Fernandes was sent off as Manchester United crashed to an embarrassing 2-0 defeat at lowly Wolves. Fernandes was dismissed two minutes into the second half at Molineux for a second booking after fouling Nelson Semedo.

TEAMS AND THE STARS

SOORMA HOCKEY CLUB: It is hard to go past Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh in the HIL. Throughout the Paris Olympics and their defense of the Asian Championship Trophy, the skipper has stood time and again. Expect the same here

DELHI SG PIPERS: Under former Indian coach Graham Reid, Delhi have assembled a strong squad led by Shamsher Singh and Australian forward Jake Whetton. The team has seen changes due to a few pullouts.

HYDERABAD TOOFANS

In the auction, Hyderabad went all in for Germany's Gonzalo Piellat and he ended up being the most expensive overseas player. Known for his drag flicks, he along with British midfielder Zach Wallace will have a lot riding on them.

SHRACHI RARH BENGAL TIGERS

Close to three years with the senior team, Abhishek has been one of the best forwards for India. Bengal Tigers spent 72 lakhs to acquire his services. A lot will be expected from the second most expensive player in the league.

UP RUDRAS

Under the leadership of Hardik Singh, UP have managed to find the mix of youth and experience. UP are also struggling with some foreign player pullouts, but the experience of L **Lalit Kumar** Upadhyay could come in handy.

TAMIL NADU DRAGONS

Along with the local favourite Karthi Selvam and experienced defender Amit Rohidas, Tamil Nadu opened the bank for Dutch drag-flicker Jip Janssen, who played a key role in team's gold medal run at the Paris Olympics.

TEAM GONASIKA

With Belgium's Tom Boon pulling out of the competition, it is all on the shoulders of India captain Manpreet to take the leadership role. For SA coach Paul Revington led team, a lack of a quality drag-flicker could be an issue.

KALINGA LANCERS

With not a single player pulling out, Lancers can have their original squad available for selection. Out of them, Belgium's Alexander Hendrickx, one of the best drag flickers, could elevate the performance of thee team.

Teams	Coaches	Captains
Delhi SG Pipers	Graham Reid	Shamsher Singh and Jake Whetton
Hyderabad Toofans	Pasha Gademan	Sumit
Kalinga Lancers	David John	Aran Zalewski
Rarh Bengal Tigers	Colin Batch	Rupinder Pal Singh
Soorma Hockey Club	Jeroen Baart	**Harmanpreet Singh**
Tamil Nadu Dragons	Rein van Eijk	Amit Rohidas
Team Gonasika	Jagbir Singh	Manpreet Singh
UP Rudras	Paul van Ass	Hardik Singh

EXPRESS READ

PKL: Haryana Steelers secure final berth

PUNE: Haryana Steelers overcame UP Yoddhas 28-25 to secure a place in the Pro Kabaddi League final with Shivam Patare, Vinay, Rahul and Mohammadreza Shadloui playing stellar roles here on Friday. This is the second consecutive time Haryana Steelers have made the final.

Lakshya sails into semifinals of King Cup

SHENZHEN (CHINA): India's Lakshya Sen came up with a spirited performance to overcome Hong Kong China's Angus Ng Ka Long in three games (10-21, 21-13, 21-13) and sail into the semifinals of the inaugural King Cup International Badminton Open here on Friday.

World Boxing forms new Asian body

NEW DELHI: Tokyo Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain has been included in the Athletes' Commission while six BFI officials, including president Ajay Singh, will be part of the newly-formed interim Asian body established by the breakaway organization World Boxing.

The ever-reliable discipline for India, in terms of providing the thrill & medals at elite competitions, endured a difficult year with some of the top shuttlers struggling for form, writes Anmol Gurung. Missing out on a medal in Paris was a new low...

Olympic heartbreak and no net gain for badminton

EVER since Saina Nehwal's medal at the London Olympics in 2012, badminton has seen a massive transformation. The most popular recreational sport turned into a professional one as well. And it was visible everywhere. Take Chennai, for example. Suddenly, every locality has a badminton academy with photos of Saina, PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and the doubles exponents, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, and Chirag Shetty embossed on the walls; symbolising the rise of the game not just in the country but worldwide. Be it Olympics, World Championships or Thomas and Uber Cup, Indian shuttlers were making their presence felt with medal returns.

Yet, as this year's Olympics approached, everything seemed to have dried up and touched its nadir at the Paris Olympics. For the first time since 2012, India failed to win an Olympic medal. At the BWF World Tour results, none of the Indian singles players had managed to pocket a title until the recent Syed Modi International. Barring Lakshya in a couple of events, it was largely an ordinary journey for most shuttlers in the singles department.

The heroics of Anmol Kharb and Ashmita Chaliha during India's historic win at the Badminton Asia Team Championships was perhaps the biggest highlight.

Paris debacle

Among the losses in Paris, Lakshya's was the hardest to digest. He came agonisingly close. One game up and leading in the second against Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia, Lakshya fizzled out. Having returned with the gong in the previous three editions, this was a mighty blow for the country.

The biggest setback was perhaps the early exit of Satwiksairaj and Chirag, the men's doubles specialists who seemed to be following the textbook going into the Games. And they were playing at the Porte de La Chapelle Arena, a familiar venue where they had previously won twice (French Open). Earlier this year, they had reclaimed the World No 1 ranking and there was genuine buzz surrounding them. All that dissipated following their exit at the quarterfinal stage.

Sindhu's struggles

Sindhu is synonymous to the sport and has been a huge influence to many in the country. It's silly to question her commitment, something that has fetched her countless medals over the years. After her return from injury, she has toiled at the highest level. In the past, Sindhu would generally find a different gear in marquee events. Her decline is a big worry for India. That is something that the Badminton Association of India (BAI), the governing body of the sport, has taken cognizance of and have been scratching their heads to find someone who can follow Sindhu and Saina's footsteps. "When Sindhu is injured, we want other players to step up. That's our goal and we have been putting in programmes in place to help youngsters. We are hopeful that we can have multiple entries in each category," Sanjay Mishra, BAI secretary general, had told this newspaper earlier. With that in mind, the BAI, in association with BWF (world body), brought in more international tournaments so that the youngsters can get that much-needed exposure. They have also focussed on the coaching programme in order to boost the talent pool. But that could be a process that takes patience.

As was evident in the recent Syed Modi International tournament, there's a clear gap between Sindhu, Lakshya and rest of the aspiring shuttlers who have been looking to establish their names at the highest level. A coach from the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy felt that there's no decline in talent but the youngsters need to step up. "A couple of years back, it seemed like we were progressing very well. But off late, it doesn't seem like that. We're definitely struggling. We need to get better, start performing better," the coach noted.

Focus on grassroots

In a diverse country like India, the system still struggles to cater to shuttlers, who could have the potential but don't have the means to grow as a professional. Take the case of Tamilnadu Badminton Association. "As a TN federation, we don't work with any sponsors as it is very difficult to find one," VE Arunachalam, TNBA secretary and EC member of BAI, said.

"There is no money at the grassroots. When you become world champion or become World No 1, that's when you get crores and crores in your account. But to come to that level, there should be a system where young players are funded. With prize money of ₹20,000, 30,000, how can a player survive?," he stated.

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46,707 SQ KM OF CANOPY DENSITY DEGRADED FROM VERY DENSE FOREST, MODERATE DENSE FOREST AND OPEN FOREST TO NON-FOREST INSIDE THE RECORDED FOREST AREA, AS PER THE INDIA STATE OF FOREST REPORT, 2023

WORRYING DEPLETION IN DENSE FOREST COVER

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE government may take comfort in the net increase in forest and tree cover in the country, but it primarily is due to the rise in coverage outside traditional forests. Significantly, wide swathes of the dense natural forests in biodiverse regions like the Western Ghats and the Northeast besides mangroves and others have either been degraded or diverted for non-forest purposes.

Data shows that the overall accretion to the nation's natural forest is only over 7 sq km. At the same time, it added 149 sq km of forest cover outside the natural forest in the past two years.

The 18th biennial assessment of India's forests, ISFR 2023, by the Forest Survey of India, reveals a major drop in the country's dense natural forests. Within the Recorded Forest Area (RFA), the country lost over 1,200 sq km of Mid-Dense Forest (MDF) and an equal area of Open Forest (OF). However, it has added over 2,400 sq km of Very Dense Forest. Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat are among the states that lost their dense natural forests in RFA. *(see Table 1)*

TABLE 1: FOREST COVER INSIDE RECORDED FOREST AREA (RFA)/GREEN WASH (GW)

Category	2021	2023	Difference
Very Dense Forest	88,593.43	91,024.93	+2,431.50
Mid Dense Forest	2,44,778.80	2,43,543.85	-1,234.95
Open Forest	1,86,985.81	1,85,796.54	-1,189.27
Total	**5,20,358.04**	**5,20,365.32**	**7.28**

Outside the recorded forest area, India lost around 64 sq km of Dense Forest and over 416 sq km of Mid-Dense Forest. Gujarat and Bihar added most forests outside the natural forest areas. *(see Table 2)*

TABLE 2: FOREST COVER OUTSIDE RECORDED FOREST AREA (RFA)/GREEN WASH (GW)

Category	2021	2023	Difference
Very Dense Forest	11,541.15	11,477.27	-63.88
Mid Dense Forest	64,545.90	64,129.43	-416.47
Open Forest	1,18,741.11	1,19,370.59	629.48
Total			**149.13**

The report attributes the negative changes in forest coverage in RFA and non-RFA areas to human encroachments, natural calamities like storms, floods and landslides, harvesting of short rotation plantations or other forms of logging, and finally, titles given to beneficiaries under the Forest Rights Act 2006.

Degradation of dense forest

Data shows that around 93,000 sq km of recorded forest areas have degraded into Open Forest (OF), Scrub and Non-Forest (NF) between 2011 and 2021. As a result, the country's total carbon sequestration potential came down by 636.50 million tonnes. Open Forest, Scrub and Non-Forest areas are part of the degraded categories of forests.

Worryingly, in 40,709 sq km of forests, density degradation took place from Very Dense Forest and Mid-Dense Forest to Open Forest. Further, 5,573 sq km of Scrub Forest degraded to Open Forest. And 46,707 sq km of Very Dense Forest, Mid-Dense Forest, Open Forest and Scrub Forest got degraded to Non-Forest areas.

Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana and Maharashtra are states where large natural forest areas in the RFA have been degraded. The Western Ghat Eco-Sensitive Areas, which are also global biodiversity hotspots, registered an overall loss of 58.22 sq km in forest cover during the last 10 years. The Very-Dense Forest cover of the Western Ghats increased by 3,465.12 sq km, whereas the Mid-Dense Forest and Open Forest areas decreased by 1,043.23 sq km and 2,480.11 sq km, respectively.

As for India's Northeast, it constitutes 7.98% of the nation's land area while accounting for 21.08% of the total forest and tree cover. Sadly, data for the Northeastern states shows an overall drop in forest area (including tree cover) by 327.30 sq km. Except for Mizoram, all states lost their forest areas.

Forest fire caused damage

Forest fires also caused extensive damage to the total count. This year, the total burnt forest areas across the country totalled as much as 34,562 sq km. The maximum fire-affected forest areas were in Andhra Pradesh (5,286.76 sq km), followed by Maharashtra (4,095.04 sq km) and Telangana (3,983.28 sq km). The highest percentage of RFA areas affected by forest fire was in Telangana (14.82%), followed by Andhra (13.94%) and Bihar (10.71%).

However, this year's overall forest fire incidents were comparatively less than in the previous two years though there was a sharp increase in the Western Himalayas compared to the previous year.

For instance, J&K witnessed an 18-fold increase in forest fire incidents. The corresponding increase in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand is by over 10 and 6 times, respectively. *(see Table 3)*

TABLE 3: FOREST FIRES DETECTED IN 2021-2022, 2022-23 AND 2023-2024

Includes large, continuous and repeated forest fires

States	2021-22*	2022-23*	2023-24*
J&K	523	19	327
Himachal	601	97	985
Uttarakhand	1,337	576	2,442

** All years data calculated from November to June*

Experts cite the El Nino factor this year, which caused a deficit monsoon followed by a dry winter in 2023-24 and a record-breaking rise in temperature during summer, creating conducive conditions for forest fires. The report attributes them to fires in pine forests and those from transhumance pastoralists in the Western Himalayan region.

It, however, acknowledges the increasing community support in tackling forest fires. Data shows a correlation between the increase in the number of subscribers of the FSI Forest Fire Alert Service and the corresponding decrease in fire incidents reported in the plains, but not in the Western Himalayan states like Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and J&K.

The fire detection count came down to a considerable extent in Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh etc. Here, active participation of the local communities apart from the state forest departments, might have controlled and doused the fires at the nascent stage even before their detection by satellites. Also, faster response to the fire detection could be attributed to the increased number of subscribers to the FSI Forest Fire Alert Service. As for large forest fire (LFF) incidents that lasted from at least 24 hours to more than 15 days, most of them were in Uttarakhand (1,313), followed by Odisha (1,131), Andhra Pradesh (1,073), Madhya Pradesh (962), Chhattisgarh (928) and Telangana (833). The majority of LFFs lasted up to a week. There were three fire incidents in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh where LFFs continued till around 15 days.

Mangroves

Compared to the 2021, there was a decrease of 7.43 sq km in the country's mangrove coverage. As per the current assessment, India's total mangrove cover stands at 4,991.68 sq km, as opposed to 4,999.11 sq km in 2021, which accounts for 0.15% of the country's total geographical area. There is a prominent decrease of 36 sq km in Gujarat, whereas Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra registered an increase in mangrove areas. West Bengal registered a minimal decrease in dense mangrove forests. The primary driver of mangrove loss continues to be the conversion of mangrove areas for aquaculture, coastal area development activities and agriculture.

In major megacities, Delhi has the largest forest cover (194.15 sq km), followed by Mumbai (110.84 sq km) and Bengaluru (89.61 sq km). In the past two years, Ahmedabad, followed by Bengaluru, experienced the maximum gain in forest cover, while Chennai and Hyderabad recorded the maximum loss.

MARKET MECHANISM DEBATE: ARTICLE 6 KEY TO EMISSIONS REDUCTION

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THE 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, concluded amid widespread disappointment and criticism. Though it is considered a failed COP, one part of the compromise deal was the operationalisation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. Article 6 of the 2015 Paris Agreement establishes a framework for international cooperation to achieve climate goals through market-driven and non-market mechanisms. It facilitates emissions reductions via three pathways: Article 6.2, enabling nations to trade surplus reductions as Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) to meet their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs); Article 6.4, creating UN-regulated global carbon market to certify and trade credits; and Article 6.8, focusing on non-market approaches like technology transfer, capacity building, and sustainable development to support vulnerable communities.

Together, these mechanisms aim to enhance climate finance, foster collaboration, and ensure accountability in emissions reductions. However, a more pressing question remains: Are market mechanisms truly capable of delivering the deep emissions reductions required?

Can market mechanisms deliver?

Market mechanisms, such as those enabled by Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, operate on the premise that polluters can pay others to reduce emissions on their behalf and the market will act as the invisible hand to promote climate action. These mechanisms are lauded for their cost efficiency, enabling emissions reductions where they are most economical. For example, developed nations can fund renewable energy projects in developing countries, achieving greater reductions for the same investment. By leveraging global opportunities, markets enhance scalability and attract substantial private-sector investment, surpassing the limitations of public funding.

Initiatives like the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under the Kyoto Protocol exemplify how markets can channel resources into renewable energy and low-carbon solutions.

Carbon pricing further incentivises innovation, driving industries to adopt advanced technologies. Moreover, the flexibility of these mechanisms allows countries to meet their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) through a blend of domestic actions and international credits.

When well-designed, mechanisms like Article 6.4 (PACM) can harmonise emissions reductions with sustainable development goals, supporting vulnerable communities.

Despite these advantages, critics argue that market mechanisms have significant shortcomings. A major concern is the risk of greenwashing, where participants claim emissions reductions without engaging in meaningful climate action. Offsetting emissions through carbon credits may delay the urgent transitions needed in key sectors, creating a false sense of progress.

Additionality—the principle that emissions reductions would not have occurred without the project—is another persistent challenge. Many projects under the Kyoto Protocol's CDM, for example, were found to lack additionality, undermining the legitimacy of the credits.

Furthermore, market dependency on carbon prices introduces instability. During economic downturns, emissions reductions may result from lower industrial activity rather than intentional climate actions, reducing the credibility of mechanisms like the EU Emissions Trading System (EU-ETS).

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And:-The Tahsildar, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District ...Respondent

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I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Smt.A.V.Prema W/o Late. Rudraraja @ Rajanna, aged about 59 years, R/at: Mahadevakodigehalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and another have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Late. Nanjayappa S/o for Late.Channaveerappa who died on 13.12.1990 at Mahadevakodigehalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on 31/01/2025 at 11.00 A.M. in C. Mis No. 498/2024.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

Address for service:-Sri. A. Raviprakash Advocates
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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Madhusudhan U (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Borrower Deceased Mr. Umesh S), 2) Mrs. Manjula R V (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir of Borrower Deceased Mr. Umesh S)	Loan Account No. 33639420000360 33639410000778 Loan Amount: Rs.5,39,082/- Rs.3,81,700/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.19, Khatha No.192/98, Formed in Sy.No.98, and property No.150200302403924530 Situated at Basaveshwara Residency Layout, Ajjanahalli Village, Ajjanahalli Gram Panchayath, Thavarekere Hobali, Bangalore South Taluk and Bounded on Measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft. Total measuring 1200 Sq.ft. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.32, **North by:** Site No.18, **South by:** Site No.20.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2024 Demand Notice Date: 26.12.2024	Rs.9,09,034.41 (Rupees Nine Lakh Nine Thousand Thirty Four and Forty One Paisa Only) as on 22-12-2024
2	1) Mrs. Thimmakka C (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Borrower Deceased Mr. Chikkanarayanappa C)	Loan Account No. 46459410001558 46459630000908 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.3,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.110/24, situated at Hosahalli Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Ittasandra Gram Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** ChikkaKaragappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Own Vacant Property. Measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet.	Date of NPA: 01-11-2024 Demand Notice Date: 26.12.2024	Rs.8,52,283.83 (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three and Eighty Three Paisa Only) as on 22-12-2024

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 28.12.2024, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural
Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Shashikala Nagendra/ C N Anand/ LBBNG00005738891	Description of The Schedule: All That Piece and Parcel of Site Property No. 23-2-527-158, Ward No.23, Property Old Katha No,3394/117, Bearing Katha No. D6/370/7909/3394/117 Site No.112, Situated at Cheeranahalli Road, Udayagiri Badavane, Mandya City (Within The Jurisdiction of Mandya Nagarasabha) Measuring East To West 9.144018 Feet and North To South 12.192024 Feet In Total Super Built Up Area 111.4836 Sq.mtr Of RCC Building Bounded On:- East By : 23-2-527-160 West By : 23-2-527-156 North By : Road 527 South By : 23-2-528, 23-2-528-207 R.C.C. House With Ground Floor Measuring 32,887662 Sq.mtrs With Mosaic Flooring and Ground Floor Measuring 68,376608 Sq.mtrs With Mosaic Floor Covering Entire Property Including R.C.C. House./ Date Of Physical Possession on/24/12/2024.	07.12.2023 Rs. 50,99,091.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: December 27, 2024
Place: Bangalore & Mandya

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DAY'S DIARY

Trailblazer

American businesswoman Muriel Siebert became the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange, on this day in 1967

EARLY WORK LIFE

From 1958 to 1960, Siebert worked on Wall Street in the research department of Shields & Co, and then became a partner at Stearns & Co. broke into trading at Finkle & Co

PHILANTHROPY

In 1990, she launched the Siebert Entrepreneurial Philanthropic Program, donating half of her firm's profits to charities selected by the issuers

DEMISE

Siebert passed away from cancer on August 24, 2013. In her honour, the New York Stock Exchange named a room after her, Siebert Hall

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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'THAT WAS THE BIGGEST SHOCK OF MY LIFE'

Kirmani after winning the '83 World Cup

Kirmani's last match playing for Karnataka at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in 1994

Legendary cricketer Syed Kirmani's autobiography, *Stumped: Life Behind and Beyond the Twenty-Two Yards*, which releases on Sunday, candidly traces his life from a boy growing up in Bengaluru to winning the 1983 World Cup and life after his exit from cricket

Syed Kirmani shows his display of several awards he has been honoured with over the years | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Kirmani receives the Padma Shri in 1982

Everybody goes through good times, bad times, ups and downs – this [book] is the untold story of my life. The true facts without any bias or prejudice. There are quite a few surprises where the reaction from fans will be 'Oh my God, is this what happened?'

Syed Kirmani, former Indian wicket-keeper

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

PICTURE this: The 1983 World Cup is in full swing and the Indian cricket team, a bunch of underdogs, is playing against Zimbabwe. And all is not going well. "I was in my dressing room, preparing myself for a breakfast and a good shower and suddenly, there's a big shout from outside – '17 for five wickets, come out!' I saw the scoreboard and then the floor took off from under my feet," recalls **Syed Kirmani**, former Indian wicket-keeper. The team continues to lose wicket after wicket, and the score is a disappointing 140/8 when Kirmani comes on the field with captain Kapil Dev opposite him. He continues, "I walked up to Kapil, and said, 'We are in a do-or-die situation, we cannot give up just like this,' and he replied, 'We have to play at least 30 overs'." This partnership, completely turning the tables on Zimbabwe and winning India a crucial match was never recorded on camera but is the stuff of legend in Indian cricket.

Kirmani's autobiography *Stumped: Life Behind and Beyond the Twenty-Two Yards* (Penguin Play; ₹499), set to be launched on his 75th birthday on December 29, promises to reveal many such intense, heartfelt and fascinating anecdotes from his storied career, unveiling the layers behind the cricketer's persona, and giving an inside look at cricket in the '80s. "Everybody goes through good times, bad times, ups and downs – this is the untold story of my life. The true facts without any bias or prejudice," says Kirmani.

Five years in the making, putting the autobiography together has been a long process for Kirmani and his co-authors Debashish Sengupta and Dakshesh Pathak. After a long time spent planning, the final push to publish came from his old friends and former teammates. He says, "I made up my mind nearly five to six years ago and I was noting things down. Eventually, my '83 group colleagues said, 'Yaar tum khaali bol rahe ho, kab aa rahi hain kitab?' (You've only been saying things, when is the book actually coming out?), and now the day is almost here!"

Kirmani receives a Silver Glove and Ball from English cricketer Godfrey Evans

Kirmani at a match in 1991

The book promises to cover pretty much everything fans might have wondered about the cricketer – from his boyhood days spent playing gully cricket to his international cricketing days and beyond. Recalling his early days of playing cricket in Bengaluru's bylanes, he shares, "I grew up playing cricket in the gulleys of Jayamahal Extension. I would block a cork ball standing behind three bamboo sticks – two bricks were my first cricket gloves."

Apart from nostalgic memories, Kirmani says that he has not shied away from addressing difficult moments, "One such moment was when I was dropped like a hot brick right after my debut. That was way back in 1979 when the Indian team was selected to go to England for the Second World Cup in 1979 – that was the biggest shock of my life," he says. Speaking about the title's allusion to difficulties he faced after his international career ended in 1986, Kirmani says, "People will start wondering – what does he mean by 'stumped'? See, I was stumping everybody on the field, and after my international cricketing career, I was being 'stumped'."

According to Kirmani, one thing fans can expect from the book is the unexpected. "There are quite a few surprises in the book where the reaction from fans will be 'Oh my God, is this what happened?'" he laughs.

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

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1. Which cylindrical Hungarian pastry with a caramelised crust is a Christmas market favourite?
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Best from the *pen*chanter's box

CE revisits some of the iconic films of screenwriter-director MT Vasudevan Nair, who passed away at the age of 91 recently

ORU VADAKKAN VEERAGATHA

Contemporary cinema of the 1980s was marked by screenplays that were bold enough to set a different tone yet rooted enough to adhere to the scrutiny of social ethics without breaking the traditional mould. A film that could be stated as an example of this is MT and Hariharan's magnum opus *Oru Vadakkan Veeragatha*. The movie's screenplay was the highlight, sharp as the steely clang of the sword in play throughout the film. The film's dialogues were such a hit that children repeated it as power-packed rhetoric, to appear as high and mighty as the feudal warlords of Malabar, on whom the story is based. It also undid the famous folklore that pitted Chandu, a 16th-century scion of a warrior clan and cousin to the legendary Aromal Chevakar and Unniyarcha, as a cheat and a man of dark qualities. Post the MT narrative of the folklore, most Keralites began to see Chandu in a sympathetic light, as a wronged hero whose version of how he was accused of foul play leading to the death of Aromal Chevakar in a combat arena, remained so far shrouded. It was MT's pen alone that helped Malayalis see beyond the dark areas of negative characters of folklore, mythology and find sparks of humane helplessness in them that spell a positive streak. The movie rose to be a cult classic, being a blockbuster in the year of its release in 1989 and garnering several awards at the State and National level including the Best Screenplay for MT and the Best Actor for Mammootty who immortalised the character of Chandu which also paved a turning point in his acting career.

UTHARAM

Selina (Suparna), a poet who challenged the world with her profound question— "*Yanthra thokkum bombum ondaakkaan kazhiyunna technologykk oru panineer poovine srishtikkaan aavumo* (Can the technology capable of creating machine guns and bombs create a jasmine flower?)"— later meets her end in a cruel twist of irony, felled by the very weapon she scorned accidentally. Her death is not just a tragedy but a puzzle, drawing her grieving husband Mathew (Sukumaran) into the shadows of her life. With Balanchandran (Mammootty), a journalist whose wit is as sharp as his instincts and whose empathy drives his pursuit of truth, the search for answers begins. Based on Daphne Du Maurier's short story *No Motive*, VK Pavithran's direction breathes intrigue into MT Vasudevan Nair's utterly brilliant screenplay, which unfolds like layers of a riddle wrapped in emotion. More than a mystery, it's about peeling back the answer of who Selina truly was, exploring her poetry, her pain and her paradoxes.

THAZHVARAM

Perhaps the finest western thriller from Malayalam, *Thazhvaram* is a glorious testament to MT's versatility in screenwriting. MT, along with visionary filmmaker Bharathan, elevated what might have otherwise been a generic revenge tale with a Spaghetti Western-like treatment, which was unheard of in Malayalam cinema till then. A gripping tale of two friends-turned-foes, *Thazhvaram* steers clear of the usual drama tropes and the loudness that comes with it. Instead, it thrives on the tension built gradually with astute writing, before concluding in a raw scuffle, witnessed by blood-thirsty vultures.

With the re-release trend gaining increasing acceptance, clamours are now reaching a feverish pitch for *Thazhvaram* to be experienced with superior audiovisual quality from the big screen. That should tell a lot about how the film has stood the test of time.

SADAYAM

A haunting character study dipped in darkness. Sathyanathan, a painter with a soul scarred by childhood abandonment, doesn't just hate the world – he's almost at war with it. His mother, a sex worker, only deepens his fury. MT weaves him into a character you can't look away from, even as his twisted smile would make you want to. Mohanlal doesn't act; he becomes Sathyanathan, a complex figure whose actions force you to grapple with the weight of his circumstances. The brilliance of the narrative lies in its refusal to simplify the character, instead portraying his journey with stark realism.

(Aparna Nair, Vignesh Madhu, Vivek Santhosh)

Nirmalyam: The story of a village oracle who lives in the firm faith that the divine power will see him through all difficulties, became a work that proved the mettle of MT as not just a writer but a filmmaker as well. The plot handled several deeply emotional topics that are woven intricately within the social fabric of rural Kerala. The test of faith was apparently the theme but cutting through layers, one could find the battle between practicality and philosophy as the central core. The film, made in 1973, won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film and the Kerala State Film Award for Best Film.

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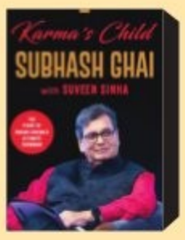
Chocolate : 100 Irresistable Desserts

By Shivesh Bhatia

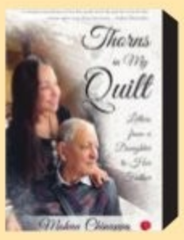
In this delectable collection of 100 recipes, Shivesh brings you a selection of his most-loved recipes, perfect for every chocolate lover.



Karma's Child : The Story of Indian Cinema's Ultimate Showman

By Subhash Ghai, Suveen Sinha

Subhash Ghai's memoir tells the story of a man who believed he was destined to direct his own future, no less dramatically than a Subhash Ghai film — and did so.



Thorns in My Quilt

By Mohua Chinappa

It is a series of letters written by a daughter to her father after he passed away. Unspoken thoughts, unshared memories and unsaid words combine in this searing and poignant account of a relationship filled with joy, but with equal moments of sorrow.

The Wife and The Dancing Girl

By Anuja Chandramouli

Inspired by the *Silapathikaram*, Ilango Adigal's timeless Tamil classic, Anuja Chandramouli's bold new take delivers a double dose of romance that is unforgettably tender and unrelentingly tragic.

HONOURING A MAESTRO

Renowned flautist Pravin Godkhindi addresses the audience during a heartfelt tribute to Ustad Zakir Hussain held at the Indian Music Experience, JP Nagar | **SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA**

QUICKFIX

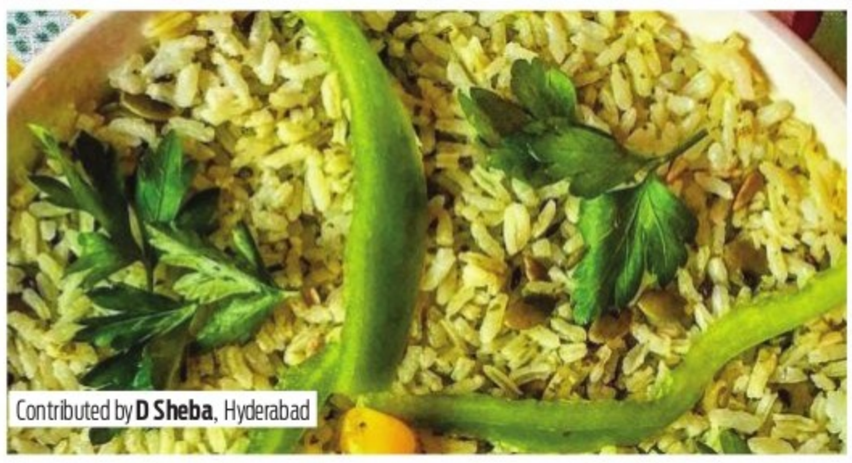
CORIANDER RICE

INGREDIENTS

- **Coriander:** 1 bunch
- **Green chilli :** 2 nos
- **Oil:** 2 tsp
- **Boiled rice :** 3 cups
- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Jeera:** 1 tsp
- **Dried red chilli:** 2 nos
- **Chana dal:** 1 tsp
- **Salt:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Add coriander and green chilli in a blender and make it a paste.
- To a pan, add oil, mustard seeds, jeera and dried red chilli and toss it.
- Then, add the coriander and green chilli paste and let it cook.
- Add boiled rice to it and heat it well.
- Serve it hot and garnish with some coriander leaves and choice of veggies.



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NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

GAGANACHARI (Malayalam)

The movie is a sci-fi mockumentary set in a dystopian future where three bachelors live in an apocalypse bunker. Their routine is disrupted when a visitor from a distant planet arrives, turning their lives upside down.

Cast: Gokul Suresh, Anarkali Marikar, Aju Varghese

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

EMILIA PÉREZ (French)

A Mexican lawyer is offered an unusual job to help a notorious cartel boss retire and transition into living as a woman, fulfilling a long-held desire.

Cast: Zoe Saldana, Karla Sofía Gascón, Selena Gomez

- **Watch on:** MUBI

TWISTERS (English)

Haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado, Kate Cooper gets lured back to the open plains by her friend, Javi, to test a groundbreaking new tracking system. She soon crosses paths with Tyler Owens, a charming but reckless social-media superstar who thrives on posting his storm-chasing adventures.

Cast: Daisy Edgar-Jones, Glen Powell, Anthony Ramos

- **Watch on:** JioCinema

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ARDHA UTTANASANA

(UPWARD FORWARD FOLD)

This is a beginner standing variation of Uttanasana (Standing Forward Fold Pose). While the whole abdomen touches the upper legs in Uttanasana, in Ardha Uttanasana, the back remains in a slanting alert position, allowing students to focus on their hamstrings. This forward bend variation engages the core muscles, keeping the hips, shoulders, knees, and ankle joints active to maintain a well-aligned slant with the back.

STEPS

- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose), aligning the body with the spine and rolling the shoulders back. Breathe softly.
- Place your hands on your hips. Inhale and bend forward while exhaling. Stretch your arms forward, parallel to the ground, and lengthen the elbows.
- Keep the legs straight and achieve a neat alignment from the ankles to the buttocks, which should point upward.
- Maintain a straight back while breathing, avoiding a hunch, slouch, or curve. Keep the spine alert and look forward as you lower the upper body. Do not hang the head, keep it aligned by looking ahead.
- Place the palms beside the feet. If this is difficult, place your hands on the shins for the Ardha Uttanasana Hands-on-Shins variation. Stay in this position briefly before placing the palms on the floor.
- Ensure straight legs and avoid leaning forward or backward. Breathe deeply, feeling the stretch in the hamstrings, calves, glutes, and hip joints. With every exhale, align the body further. Stay in the pose as per your capacity.
- Release your arms and stand straight, returning to Tadasana.
- Repeat the posture, gradually increasing the duration with full breath-body awareness to help transition into Uttanasana.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the hamstrings, calves, piriformis, gluteus maximus, wrists, arms, and shoulders.
- Strengthens ankle and knee joints and lengthens spine.
- Enhances body flexibility and relieves stiffness in the back and leg muscles.
- Prepares the spine and hamstrings for Uttanasana.
- Encourages conscious body movement and breathing.
- Improves lung capacity and enhances respiratory functioning.
- Brings focus to body alignment, builds equilibrium, and tones the arms and legs.
- Facilitates spinal extension, improves spinal nerve efficiency, and relieves back pain.
- Reduces anxiety, fatigue, and mental stress by encouraging deep breathing.
- Promotes blood circulation in the legs, pelvis, and heart.
- Stimulates the digestive system and helps with detoxification.
- Beneficial for posture correction, osteoporosis, fertility-related issues, piriformis syndrome, and sciatica.
- Relieves menstrual discomfort and reduces uneasiness.

LIMITATIONS

- Avoid if you have hamstring or lower back injuries, herniated discs, joint pains, weak ankles, knees, or wrists, high blood pressure, or musculoskeletal issues.
- Senior citizens and pregnant women should also avoid this pose.
- Postnatal women can attempt this pose only after regaining core and pelvic strength.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Cinema & Romance

Attend the screening of *Bata Boy and Crocs Girl* followed by a discussion, Q&A, and meet-and-greet with standup comic and director **Nimal Pillai**. Dive into this story of fleeting romances in the 'New York of South India' – Bengaluru.

WHEN: December 28, 7.30pm
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Ukulele Lessons

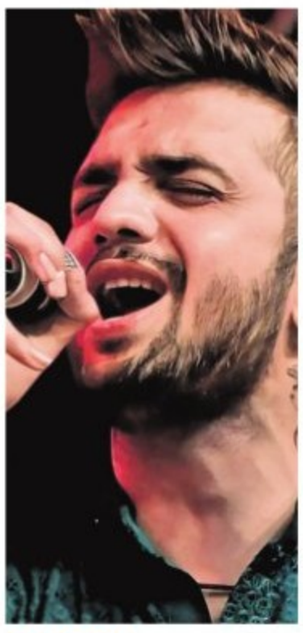
Learn ukulele basics in a hands-on workshop, featuring **Shankar Ehsaan Loy**'s iconic music. Play the classic tunes of *Kal Ho Naa Ho* confidently while mastering chords, strumming, and music theory.

WHEN: December 29, 3.30pm
WHERE: My School of Rock, Adugodi

Journaling for Growth

Join an intimate journaling session to reflect on the past, set meaningful goals, and connect with a motivated group. Embrace a transformative experience for the year ahead.

WHEN: December 29, 5pm
WHERE: Sterling Dewberries, Yelahanka
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Soulful Vibes

Enjoy an evening of soulful melodies with **Madhur Sharma**, a rising Bollywood and Indi-pop star.

WHEN: December 28, 7pm
WHERE: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Party Night

Dance the night away with DJ Franky spinning chartbusters. Enjoy incredible music, great food, and refreshing drinks for a high-energy night out.

WHEN: December 29, 8.30pm
WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road
DETAILS: insider.in

Taste of Elegance

Indulge in a curated North Indian menu featuring signature appetizers, rich mains, and decadent desserts. Celebrate the New Year with authentic tastes and timeless elegance.

WHEN: December 31, 7pm
WHERE: Loya, Taj West End, Race Course Road
CALL: 080-66605660

Timeless Treasures

Discover a stunning collection of wicker cane furniture, antique shelves, and vintage decor. Enjoy seasonal discounts on exquisite teak and rosewood creations.

WHEN: Till December 31, 9am onwards
WHERE: #1, UmaShankar Avenue, Whitefield
CALL: 9846085350

ARTCORNER

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This artwork by Juni Menon from Gujarat, captures the beauty of combining artistic expression with scholarly pursuits

CREATIVITY, INNOVATION WITH A SERVING OF NOSTALGIA

REAR VIEW 2024

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BENGALURU'S food and beverage scene in 2024 reflected a vibrant fusion of creativity, innovation, and nostalgia, setting the stage for diverse culinary trends. From Italian cuisine and smash burgers to plant-based fare and intimate speakeasies, the city offered an unmatched variety. While evergreen favourites like biryani, dosae, and pizzas continued to captivate palates, Japanese cuisine made a remarkable comeback, adding depth to the city's dining landscape. Experiences like Omakase dining, wood-fired cooking, visiting chef pop- ups, and international bar takeovers further elevated Bengaluru's reputation as a gastronomic powerhouse.

NOSTALGIA MEETS INNOVATION

Rahul Lunawat, co-founder of Phurr, encapsulates the year as one of 'culinary innovation blending creativity with familiarity'. At Phurr, traditional favourites like kofta were elevated with a Banarsi pukthan curry, while naan took on a Middle Eastern twist with zatar seasoning. Even desserts like rasgulla were reimagined as feni nest, resonating with diners seeking fresh takes on classics. This harmony of tradition and innovation resonated across the city. S Prasanna Kumar, co- founder of BLR Brewing Co., highlighted a growing appreciation for Karnataka's heritage cuisine. "Our patrons, ranging from locals to corporate expats, embraced dishes like Mangalore goli bajji, Madurai pepper mutton, and sabbakki vada, reflecting a shift towards exploring regional flavours over typical beer pairings," he shared.

SMALL IS BIG, BUT SO IS GRANDEUR

AD Singh, founder of Olive Group of Restaurants, pointed out Bengaluru's balanced embrace of both intimate and grand culinary ventures. "The rise of cosy spots like Naru Noodle Bar, Bar Spirit Forward and Wine in Progress, alongside large-scale establishments like Bastian and sprawling microbreweries, showcases the city's dynamic dining landscape," he remarked. This duality extended to experiential dining. Niharika Raval, co-founder of Muro, observed how secret cocktail menus and breakfast innovations like Khao Man Gai and crab omelettes captured the city's adventurous palate. "We designed our menu to appeal to curious diners, with unique combinations and hidden gems like our crowd-favourite cocktails and vibrant Asian breakfasts," she said.

PERSONALISATION TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Jatinder Pal Singh, director of food & beverage at Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel and Convention Center, highlighted the growing emphasis on personalisation. "In 2024, we observed a demand for tailored experiences where guests sought unique and memorable interactions," he noted. This trend pushed the industry to innovate with hyper-personalised dining options and smart technology for reservations and marketing, paving the way for an enhanced customer journey.

SNACKING GOES REGIONAL

Bengaluru diners rediscovered their roots as local and authentic cuisines gained prominence. Bharat Kaushik, director and CEO of Adukale, spotlighted the growing love for regional snacks. "Products like kodubale, nippattu, and Congress kadlekayi highlight the trend of 'regional is the new cool'," he remarked. Quick commerce also reshaped the snacking experience, with rapid delivery services meeting consumer demands for instant gratification.

HYPER-LOCAL AND SUSTAINABLE DINING

Sustainability became a cornerstone of Bengaluru's dining scene. Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel at Brigade Gateway partnered with local farmers to create dishes like farm-fresh vegetable medleys, blending sustainability with storytelling. "Guests valued the connection to the land, enriching their dining experience," noted Raj Kadamuturu, director of food & beverage. Vegan and organic options like coconut and jackfruit curry, jaggery-spiced coffee and quinoa bowls further showcased the balance of flavour and wellness.

THE SPIRIT OF AGAVE AND CRAFT COCKTAILS

In 2024, agave spirits had their moment in the sun. Kimberly Pereira, chief operating officer of Maya Pistola Agavepura, shared that their agave offerings gained popularity both in India and internationally. "Our Joven and Reposado variants have been well-received in cocktails, while Añejo has emerged as a preferred premium sipping choice," she said. "Education has been key to enabling both consumers and bartenders to appreciate the craft and storytelling behind agave spirits," Pereira added. Cocktail culture thrived, with tequila and gin-based concoctions leading the charge. Zero-ABV and low-sugar options also gained momentum, reflecting the global trend of mindful drinking.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHANTHAMMA,** Mother of NO.15334191X L/HAV SURESH KUMAR B K, Residing at House NO. 34, 13 B Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore, KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 560079, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SHANTHI,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1966** to **07.08.1968,** Vide Affidavit Dated 26.12.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. PURWA SHETTY,** aged about 52 years, D/o. Mallikarjuna Shetty & W/o. Sri Sandeep Kumar Bharadwaj, residing at No. 48, 1st Floor, Sri Vrindavan, Paramahamsa Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061, Karnataka, do hereby declare that My membership SLF No. 128/94 my name was mentioned as **PURWA SANDEEP KUMAR BHARADWAJ** instead of **PURWA SHETTY.** , vide affidavit dated 23.12.2024, sworn to before H.G. Padmanabha Rao, Advocate & Notary Public, Government of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAYANK PUSHPAM,** D/o Shri Yagyapal Gupta and W/o Shri Pushpam, age 29 years, R/at # 201, Mayur Signature, Chikka Tirupati Main Road, Channasandra, Kadugodi Post, Bangalore-560 067 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MAYANK** to **MAYANK PUSHPAM,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MAYANK PUSHPAM** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24-12-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAVYA RAMANJANEYA,** D/o Ramanjaneya Ramakrishnappa and wife of Vinay Kumar, aged about 35 years, R/at No.07, 1st Floor, Balaji Nilaya, Krishna Enclave, Behind Gurukula Vidya Mandir, Idgha Road, Varthur, Bangalore-560087. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KAVYA VINAY** to **KAVYA RAMANJANEYA** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KAVYA RAMANJANEYA,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-12-2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHATTAVVA, Mother of No: 10490185W Rank Hav Name Sanganabasappa, R/a Hagedala (Vill) Ramawadagi (Post) Hungund (Teh) Bagalkot (Dist), Karnataka-587718 have changed my name from **SHATTAVVA** to **SHANTAVVA KONKANAKOPPA** vide affidavit dt: 17.12.2024 sworn before Notary G.M. Vastra, Hungund.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYARAPPA KRISHNAIAH** R/at No.418/A, 4th Cross, BEML Layout, 7th Stage, Global Village Back Gate, Mailasandra, R V Niketan, Bangalore- 560059 have changed my name to **JAVARAYAPPA KRISHNAIAH** vide affidavit dated: 26/12/2024 Before Notary **L.Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVASHANKARA NYAMANAHALLI SHIVARAME GOWDA** S/o **Shivarame Gowda Bommegowda** aged about 40 years R/at No.20, 8th Cross, Nanjarasappa Layout, Canara Bank Colony, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072 have changed my name to **SHIVASHANKAR NYAMANAHALLI SHIVARAME GOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 27/12/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASHODHA H. R.,** W/o Sri Lingaraju A.R. R/a Arekatte Doddi Village, Kabbal, Ramanagar, Karnataka-562126 have changed my name from **LAKSHMI H.R.** to **YASHODHA H.R.** vide affidavit dated 24-12-2024 Sworn before Notary A.S. Narayana Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DODDABALLAPURA SATHYAPRAKASH .K.V.,** Son of K.V. Mudalaiah, Aged about 55 years (D.O.B.: 22.07.1969), resident of No. 118/6, 16th Cross, I Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **K.V. SATHYAPRAKASH** to **DODDABALLAPURA SATHYAPRAKASH .K.V.** vide affidavit dated 26.12.2024 sworn to before S. Eswara Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAKSHA VIKAS SHETTY,** W/o Vikas N Shetty, age 37 years, R/at No. A 304, Chartered Madhura Apartments, Uttarahalli, Balaji Nagar, Vasanthapura, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560 061 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAKSHA NAIK .B** to **RAKSHA VIKAS SHETTY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAKSHA VIKAS SHETTY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-12-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANJU S KUMAR,** aged about 33 years, daughter of Mr. Sunith Kumar Deraje, currently residing at # Krishnasiri Residency, B Block, Subbaiah Garden, 3rd Cross, SBI Bank, Devasthanagalu, Varthur, Bangalore-560 087. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'ANJU VIMAL'** to **"ANJU S KUMAR"** vide Affidavit dated 26.12.2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Yankoba, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NO: 10490249W Rank HAV Name Venkanagouda Hosamani, R/a Ghattiganur (Vill) Ramawadagi (Post) Hungund (Teh) Bagalkot (Dist) Karnataka-587718 have changed my minor Son name from **PRAJWAL** to **PRAJWAL V H** vide affidavit dt: 17.12.2024 sworn before Notary G.M. Vastrad, Hungund.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYARAPPA** R/at No.418/A, 4th Cross, BEML Layout, 7th Stage, Global Village Back Gate, Mailasandra, R V Niketan, Bangalore- 560059 have changed my name to **JAVARAYAPPA** vide affidavit dated: 26/12/2024 Before Notary **L.Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUMITHRA DEVI A, D/o, Anjanappa, aged about 33 years, Residing at, Ward No.12, Kadhar Sab Layout, behind S.V.M. School, Anekal Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106, state that both the names **SUMITHRA DEVI** and **SUMITHRA DEVI A,** are one and the same person and belongs to me only, vide Affidavit dated:26-12-2024, sworn before Notary, Amaranarayana Reddy, Anekal.
I shall be known and called as **SUMITHRA DEVIA,** for all Official and Future Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) KESHAVA,** Father of NO.15334191X L/HAV SURESH KUMAR B K, Residing at House NO. 34, 13 B Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore, KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 560079, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KESHAVA G,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1959** to **09.12.1963** Vide Affidavit Dated 26.12.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, N P POOVAMMA is legally wedded spouse is legally wedded spouse of No. 6464187X Rank Ex Late Have Name A N MUTHANNA, residing at Rushyashrunga Road, Konanakunte E 174/3, Old Bank Colony, Bangalore 560062, have changed my name from **N P POOVAMMA to POOVAMMA,** vide affidavit dated: 26.12.2024, before Notary **S.Samuel Solomon,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GURURAJ N,** S/o Nagaraj N, age 47 years, R/at No. 12/2, S N Lane, Lalbagh Upparahalli, Bangalore-560 004 do hereby declare that both the names of my daughter i.e. **LAHARI .G** and **DHRUTHI .G** are one and the same and refers to my daughter only, now I have changed my daughter's name from **LAHARI .G** to **DHRUTHI .G,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **DHRUTHI .G** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-12-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAMAL VINODAKUMAR Alias KAMAL BASAVARAJ KULKARNI** R/a Plot No. 7 & 8, GF-01, 2nd Cross, 1st Phase, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeswarinagar, Bengaluru - 98, I have changed my name from **KAMAL VINODAKUMAR Alias KAMAL BASAVARAJ KULKARNI to KAMAL KULKARNI** D/o Basavaraj Channaverayya Kulkarni. Vide Affidavit Dated 26.12.2024 before Notary: V.Rajashekhara, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) AMEER AHMED, Residing at No: J.S. Palya, Kesarumadu Post, VTC, Tumkur, Tumkur District, Pin-572 104, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) AMEER AHMED to (NEW NAME) AMEER JAN** S/o Abdul Suban Vide affidavit dated 26/12/2024 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAMMASANI RAJENDRAN** R/at No.101, Optimum Rose Apartment, Cambridge Garden, Kodigehalli Main Road, Bangalore- 560036, have changed my name to **PEMMASANI RAJENDRA** vide affidavit dated:26/12/2024 Before Notary **L. Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, M C SNEHA, D/o THOMAS K.A. residing at No 8-9-10, Flat No 109, 1st Main, Akshayanagar T.C. Palya. Ramamurthynagar, Doorvaninagar Post, Bengaluru-560016, Karnataka, have changed my name to SNEHA THOMAS Vide affidavit dated: 13.08.2024 before advocate and notary R. Basavaraja, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. JC-313437L SUB P VENKATESAN, Residing at House NO.1/82, Nimmiyampattu (Vill & Post), Vaniyambadi (TK), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 635752, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) V CHANDRU** to **(NEW NAME) CHANDRU V,** Vide Affidavit Dated 26.12.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LEKHA is legally wedded spouse of 15300427P Rank ExNAIK (TS) Name JAYAKUMAR K, residing at No.02, LJ Villa, 9th Cross, Gangappa Layout, S M V Nagar, R M Nagar, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore -560016, have changed my name from **LEKHA** to **LEKHA JAYAKUMAR,** vide affidavit dated: 24.12.2024, before Notary **S.Samuel Solomon,** Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Anand Raj J,** S/o. Jayaraj A, aged about 29 years, R/at. # 33/1, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, S K Garden, Benson Town, Bangalore-560046, do hereby declare that both my name i.e., **ANANDRAJ A** and **ANAND RAJ J** are one and the same, vide affidavit dated 27.12.2024, sworn to before P.G. Unnikrishnan, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUJAY,** S/o B Ashok Chakravarthi, Residing at No.80/G/F Pavamana, 2nd Main, Anjaneya Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru -560085, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **SUJAY** to **SUJAY CHAKRAVARTHI,** vide affidavit dated 26-12-2024 sworn before notary H G Padmanabha Rao, Reg. No.12464, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MS. NITHYA D,** W/o. DANI, aged about 36 years, R/at: No.17, Kaveri Nagara, 3rd Cross, Near Andra Bank, K Narayanapura Main Road, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore - 77.
My name was earlier shown as Nithya.R, in my 10th markscard & after marriage my initials is changed to Nithya.D, as per wishes of my family. including Aadhar, Pan card, Bank Account ect.,
I have changed my name from **"NITHYA.R"** to **"NITHYA .D "** here afterwards I wish to be called, Sign and known for all Proceedings, records, Title,, deed, **"NITHYA .D"** only, vide affidavit dated **24-12-2024** sworn to before Notary Chandrashekaraiah.S, advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAMMASANJ RADHA** R/at No.101, Optimum Rose Apartment, Cambridge Garden, Kodigehalli Main Road, Bangalore- 560036, have changed my name to **PEMMASANI RADHA** vide affidavit dated:26/12/2024 Before Notary **L. Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Farhath Begum, D/o Abdul Subhan Salik, resident of No 17, 2nd cross, 5th main, Anandappa Block, Rahmath Nagar, RT Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560032, have changed my name to AZEEMUNNISSA Vide affidavit dated: 26.12.2024 before advocate and notary C.N. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) C JAMUNA RANI,** Spouse of NO. JC- 122925K EX-SUB CHANDRASEKARAN, Residing at #G61, Karugurupeta Cross, R.V. Naik Lane, Binny Mill Road, Cottonpet, Bengaluru, KARNATAKA State, PIN: 560053, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) JAMUNARANI C,** And **DOB** from **05.08.1957** to **05.06.1957,** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.12.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHARANABASAV M SIRWAL, R/at No.104, DS Max Apartment, KRC Road, Doddagubbi main road, Vistaar, Kothanur, Bangalore-560077. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARANABASAVA** to **SHARANABASAV M SIRWAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARANABASAV M SIRWAL,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-12-2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VIJAYALAKSHMI VISHWANATH, W/o Vishwanath Narayanaswamy, aged about 51 years, R/at No.548, 3rd Cross, 2nd Block, Behind Ganapathi Temple, Hanumanthanagar, BSK 1st Stage Bangalore-560050. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VIJAYALAKSHMI** to **VIJAYALAKSHMI VISHWANATH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VIJAYALAKSHMI VISHWANATH,,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-12-2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**Sanjeev H.R** S/o, H.S Rangaswamy, aged 46 years, R/a No.61, 1st Cross, Naidu Layout, Kuvempu Nagar, 1St Stage, Bengaluru North, Jalahalli East, Bengaluru-560014, do hereby changed my minor son's Name from **YASHAS SAMRUDH.S** to **S.YASHAS SAMRUD.** for all purposes Vide Affidavit Dated: 23.12.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary:Prakasha C,Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUSHMA DEV D/o Mahadeva S. Residing at C1153, Windmills of your Mind, 5B Road, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066 have changed my daughter's name from **ISHANVI KIRAN YEJJA** (Old Name) to **ISHANVI NITEEN**(New name) vide affidavit dated 26/12/2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary C. Srinivasa Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **G.S.SHYAM** (Father) and **SANGEETHA SHYAM** (Mother) R/at No.231, Embassy Habbitat Beside Mount Carmel College, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-560052, have changed our son's name from **RAAJ SHAYM** to **RAAJ VEER.G.S** vide affidavit dated: 17/12/2024 Before Notary **C.K.Anupama** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VITHAL KUMAR** aged 56 years, Residing at Ward No.2, Savalagi Post, Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot Dist, Karnataka 587330. Ihave changed my name from **VITHAL** to **VITHAL KUMBAR,** it will be continued in future in all leagal documents. Vide affidavit dated : 26.12.2024. Sworn before notary J Anand Kumar.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHOBHA BASAVARAJ** W/o M. Keshava Murthy, Residing at No.12 1st Main, Ramachandrapura Main Road Ramanna Garden Bangalore 560097, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHOBHA BASAVARAJ to (NEW NAME) SHOBHA BASAVARAJU** vide affidavit dated 11.12.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Asgarulla Khan Ilahi Bakash** R/@ No. 9/2, 2nd Main Road, Matadahalli, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560032. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ILAHI BAKASH ASGARULLA KHAN to ASGARULLA KHAN ILAHI BAKASH** in my future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions, private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever vide affidavit Dated 26.12.2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary Sivakumara M.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K M USHARANI,** W/o Nanda Kumaran Balaraman, legally wedded spouse of No. 702784, Ex Sergeant, Nanda Kumaran Balaraman, R/at No. 41, 1st B Main Road, ITI Layout, Vijinapura, Bangalore-16 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **N USHA RANI** and **K M USHARANI** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **K M USHARANI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27-12-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ESHWAR SHARMA TOPUDURTI,** S/o Srinivas Topudurti, age 21 years, R/o Wing 12, Flat 1201, Ahad Euphoria Apt., Sarjapura Road, New Wipro Office, Ambedkar Nagar, VTC Kodathi, PO, Carmelram, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 035 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **ESHWAR TOPUDURTI** and **ESHWAR SHARMA TOPUDURTI** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ESHWAR SHARMA TOPUDURTI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-12-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Roopa G. Bhandare,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MANJULA, Spouse of No: 10490249W Rank Hav Name Venkanagouda Hosamani R/a Ghattiganur (Vill) Ramawadagi (Post) Hungund (Teh) Bagalkot (Dist) Karnataka-587718 have changed my name from **MANJULA to MANJULA HOSAMANI** vide affidavit dt: 17.12.2024 sworn before Notary G.M. Vastrad, Hungund.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUSHMA DEV (New Name) D/o. Mahadeva S. Residing at C1153,Windmills of your Mind 5B Road, EPIP Zone, Whitefield Bangalore-560066 have changed my name from **SUSHMA KIRAN YEJJA** (Old Name) to **SUSHMA DEV,** vide affidavit dated 26/12/2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary C. Srinivasa Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANJAY SUSHIL KUMAR JAGAVKAR,** aged 39 years, S/o. **Sushil kumar jagavkar,** residing at No.42, NS Paradise, 4th Cross, Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560049, have changed my name from **SANJAY JAGAVKAR to SANJAY SUSHIL KUMAR JAGAVKAR** vide affidavit dated 27-12-2024 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **B. VASANTHAMMA** Aged about 66 years, is the Mother of Service No. JC313004N, Rank: SUB, Name: YUVARAJU B Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: 169/1, Gudipala Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh-517132. have changed my name from **VASANTHAMMA to B. VASANTHAMMA** and my correct date of birth is **01/01/1958** but it mentioned as **01/01/1955** in my son service documents. I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated : 26-12-2024 sworn before advocate and notary N. Thulasi, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) UMESHA NINGASHETTY** S/o Ningashetty, Residing at No.34, 3rd Cross, 1st Main Sanjeevininagar Hegganahalli Vishwaneedam Bangalore 560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) UMESHA NINGASHETTY to (NEW NAME) UMESH NINGASHETTY** Vide Affidavit Dated 09-12-2024 sworn before notary K.C Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SATHISHA MAYAGANAHALLI NANJUNDAIAH** S/O Nanjundaiah, residing at No.53 3rd Cross Ulla Main Road Annapoorneshwari Layout Near Amma Ashrana Circe Bangalore 560056, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SATHISHA MAYAGANAHALLI NANJUNDAIAH to (NEW NAME) SATISH MAYAGANAHALLI NANJUNDAIAH** vide affidavit dated 27-12-2024 sworn before notary K.C Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SOUMYASHREE RAVINDRABABU** W/o Dilip.V residing at No.342 9th Main Road Dollars Layout JP Nagar 4th Phase Bangalore-560078, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SOUMYASHREE RAVINDRABABU to (NEW NAME) SOWMYASHREE RAVINDRABABU** Vide Affidavit Dated 05.12.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NITIN S SHETH,** earlier called as **NITIN KUMAR @ NITIN KUMAR SHETH @ N. KUMAR @ NITIN SHETH,** age 68 years, S/o Late Sevantilal Sheth, R/at No.9, 2nd Cross, Nehrunagar, Seshadripuram, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-20 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NITIN S SHETH, earlier called as NITIN KUMAR @ NITIN KUMAR SHETH @ N. KUMAR @ NITIN SHETH** to **NITIN S SHETH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NITIN S SHETH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24-12-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEETHA RAJAYKUMAR,** W/o. RajayKumar Chandrakanth, residing at: B-506, Gopalan Atlantis, ECC Road, Opp. Deens Academy School, Whitefield, Bangalore -560066 have changed my name to **MEETHA RAJAY IYER** Vide affidavit dated: 14.12.2024 before advocate and notary K.B. Sadhashivappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANNAAPPA GUGAWAD,** S/O: RAVASAB HANAMANT GUGAWAD Age: 27, residing at 5th Cross, opposite to Appolo Pharmacy, Near SLS Splendor Apartments, Devarabisanahalli, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103, have changed my name to **ANNAPPA GUGAWAD** Vide affidavit dated: 25.12.2024 before advocate and notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SURESH PALLAT** Residing at # 5 RENNY 4TH MAIN BEHIND AYYAPPA TEMPLE AYYAPPA NAGAR BANGALORE NORTH JALAHALLI WEST BANGALORE 560015, have changed my name to **EDMOND SURESH PALLAT** Vide affidavit dated: 26.12.2024 before advocate and notary Smt. A. Manjula, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Varadaraju, S/o Hanumanthappa,** resident of No 11, Ward No. 25, Santhosh Nagar, Sidlaghata, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka 562105, have changed my name to **M VEERAPPA** Vide affidavit dated: 25.12.2024 before advocate and notary C.N. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AADITYA SHARMA** S/o Ashish Sharma, residing at Tower-13, 13142, Prestige Shantiniketan, ITPL Main Road, Near Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, White Field, Hoodi, Bangalore, Karnataka-560048, have changed my name from AADITYA ASHISH SHARMA to **AADITYA SHARMA,** Vide Affidavit dated 26-12-2024 sworn before Notary B.A. Lashminarayana Rao, Bangalore, for the self-declaration made by me and hence after known by name **AADITYA SHARMA,** also witnessed by T. Mohan Raj, Advocate, Bangalore.

Ganesh

'YOU'LL SEE AN UNPRECEDENTED GANESH IN DHANU'S DIRECTORIAL'

...says actor Ganesh, reflecting on his musical hit Krishnam Pranya Sakhi and his two 2025 films, including one with People Media Factory

A SHARADHAA

THE year 2024 turned out to be good for Golden Star Ganesh, following the success of his release, *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi*. The film became one of the biggest musical hits in Kannada cinema, having ran for more than 100 days in theatres. Additionally, it gained equal popularity on OTT platforms. In a conversation with CE, Ganesh humbly shared, "A hit film is always good for an actor, but the profession of acting is an ongoing journey. I still approach every story with the same passion and curiosity and that's what I have been doing over the last 15 years."

B Dhananjaya

Despite the fluctuating market and changing remuneration, Ganesh keeps his focus on the art of acting. He says, "I never say I'm too busy because I truly enjoy this performance art. When people ask me where the best place is, I always answer—"The happiest moments are in front of the camera and at home."

Currently, Ganesh is working on *Your's Sincerely Raam*, directed by Vikhyath AR, where he stars alongside Ramesh Aravind. But that's not all—Ganesh is also preparing for an exciting collaboration with the popular Telugu production house, People Media Factory, led by TG Vishwa Prasad. This partnership is for their upcoming Kannada film, tentatively titled *PMF49*. People Media Factory is known for producing blockbusters such as *Karthikeya 2*, *Venky Mama*, *Oh Baby*, *Dhamaka*, and *NewSense*, and this is their fourth Kannada project with Ganesh, who have also joined hands with Sharan, Dhruva Sarja, and Sriimurali.

Directed by B Dhananjaya (Dhanu Master), a noted choreographer with over 20 years of experience in dance. Ganesh reveals, "Dhanu along with the production team has come up with an extraordinary storyline, and his experience in dance gives him a deeper understanding of cinema."

Ganesh also teases fans about his role, saying, "In this film, you'll see a never-before-seen version of Ganesh, along with the regular Ganesh." He is set to begin shooting for this new project in February 2025, all while juggling his commitments for *Your's Sincerely Raam*.

Kaashima onboard *Nee Nange Allva*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Kaashima becomes the latest to join the cast of *Nee Nange Allva*. Helmed by Manoj P Nadalumane, the film introduces Rahul Arcot in the lead role.

Nee Nange Allva is presented by Sriimurali and Vidya Sriimurali and produced by S Parvathi Gowda, Pawan Paramasivam, and Manohar Kampalli, who previously collaborated on Matney under the F3 Productions banner.

The technical team of *Nee Nange Allva* includes music composer Suraj Jois, and National Award-winner Nagendra Ujjani will handle the editing for the film. Filming for *Nee Nange Allva* is scheduled to begin after Sankranti.

Kaashima who became known through her performance in South Indian Hero is currently gearing up for the release of Victoria Mansion.

Kaashima

CE FEATURES

THE teaser for *Paatashala* was unveiled in a special event graced by Paakashala Praveena, Sihi Kahi Chandru and his wife, Sihi Kahi Geetha, who played an instrumental role in the journey of director and producer Heddur Manjunath. The film, a nostalgic look at the lives of children from past decades, is brought to life through Final Cut Productions, founded by the couple. They praised Manjunath for his dedication and passion, wishing him success with the film.

Heddur Manjunath's filmmaking career began through a collaboration with Sihi Kahi Chandru and Geetha's Final Cut Productions, where he worked on the popular television serial Parvathi Parameshwara, contributing to over 1,000 episodes. He later joined forces with Crazy Star V Ravichandran on *Manjina Hani* and worked with other well-known figures like Ashok Kashyap and Anand P Raju, honing his skills across various aspects of filmmaking. For his third film, *Paatashala*, following *Gap Alli Ondu* and *Omini*, **Manjunath** invested his own money to create a film that captures the essence of childhood in the 80s and 90s. As per the makers, the film delves into the heartfelt relationships between teachers and students, exploring emotions that transcend time. Set against the scenic backdrop of Thirthahalli, the film involved a workshop with 450 children, preparing them for their roles. Manjunath, moved by the importance of creating a meaningful project, shared, "I always felt the need to make a film that holds deep significance before my time on this Earth ends."

Manjunath reflected on his roots, saying, "The character 'Thuthuri' in Parvathi Parameshwara brought me fame. Now, my wife Preethi and I have co-produced this film under our banner, MS Square Movies, with the support of over ten friends. Most of the shooting took place in Thirthahalli Taluk, where more than forty children, trained before shooting, brought the story to life."

Actors such as Balaji Manohar, Sudhakar Bannanje, Kiran Nayak, and Prashanth have also been part of the film's cast. The story centres around the relationships between teachers and students in the 80s and 90s, capturing the innocence and struggles of those years. The filming of the project, with the tagline 'Read or Run,' is nearly complete and the dubbing process is in its final stages. Director Heddur Manjunath Shetty shared that *Paatashala* is set to release before the summer vacation.

A still from the film

'Paatashaala explores teacher-student bonds of the 80s and 90s'

Varnavedam is a colour-driven storyline: Srinivas Thimmaiah

CE FEATURES

VARNAVEDAM is the latest film directed by Srinivas Thimmaiah, who is known for 2020's *Nannu Maththu Gunda*. The film's title song was recently shot at the newly established Bangalore Film City, a state-of-the-art studio owned by Mohamed Ghaus.

"This is my directorial project after *Naanu Matthu Gunda* (2020)," said Srinivas Thimmaiah, reflecting on his return to filmmaking. The film is produced under the banner of Srinivas Thimmaiah Film Factory by Chandrashekhar, Vishwanath, Shaiju, and Rajesh. Notably, Varna Vedam is the first film to be shot at the aforesaid studio.

The film features Nairuthya and Pratiksha in the lead roles. Both actors perform in the title song, which is choreographed by Moin Master. The music for the song is composed by Gagan Bhaderia, while Rajat Hegde and Tanusha sung it. The lyrics for the song 'Varnave Varnave' are written by Pratap Bhat.

With only two songs and one adventure scene left to shoot, *Varnavedam* is nearing completion. The film explores the theme of colour and introduces the intriguing concept of a "Colour Mafia." Nairuthya, who is stepping into the lead role for the first time, shared, "Though I come from a theatre background, this is my debut film as a hero. My character, Vedant, is a musician in the story."

Debutant Pratiksha, a Mangaluru native, stated, "My character, Varna, plays a key role in the film's colour-driven storyline."

A still from the film

Capital City eyeing January end release

CE FEATURES

THE trailer and songs of *Capital City* were recently unveiled at a grand event attended by many notable personalities. Directed by R Anantharaju, known for hits like *Appu Pappu*, *Mast Maja Maadi*, and *Nanda*, the film stars Rajeev Reddy in the lead role. Produced by a collective of over twenty people under the banner of Infinity Creations, the film's trailer and songs were revealed by CK Ramamurthy, in the presence of spiritual leaders such as Shivalingeshwara Shantamuni Swamiji and Aditya Swamiji and other prominent figures.

Director Anantharaju expressed his gratitude to everyone involved, acknowledging their contributions in making the film a reality. *Capital City* explores the gritty underworld of Bangalore, focusing on the troubled protagonist's journey as he faces and overcomes various challenges. Billed as an action-packed film, it promises to deliver a well-rounded cinematic experience for audiences. Lead actor Rajeev Reddy shared his perspective on the film, saying, "This is a revenge story, showing how you protect yourself when you're troubled."

Alongside Rajeev Reddy, the film features Prerana as the female lead and includes performances from veteran actors like Ravishankar, Sharath Lohithashwa, and KS Sridhar. The makers are aiming for a theater release by the end of January 2025.

Stills from the film

AN EFFECTIVE SERMON OF LOVE, HUMILITY AND ACCEPTANCE

AKSHAY KUMAR

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER
Director: Dallas Jenkins
Cast: Judy Greer, Pete Holmes, Beatrice Schneider, Molly Belle Wright, Lauren Graham

IMOGENE Herdman (Beatrice Schneider) shouts, "They've had all kinds of chances," when the church begins adding names of participants for the 75th Christmas pageant in their town. This line encapsulates the core message of inclusivity in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, a film full of life that beams with positivity. Directed by Dallas Jenkins, the film begins with Beth (Molly Belle Wright/Lauren Graham) narrating the story of the troublesome Herdman siblings in their fictional neighbourhood of Emmanuel. The Herdmans, estranged by their father and largely ignored by their mother, are ostracised by the community. Their presence is frowned upon, and they too really don't care about socialising with others in Emmanuel. Yet, as fate would have it, these children, who have never even stepped foot in a church, are cast in the leading roles of the Christmas pageant. Thus, Beth gains a profound understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

The film, based on Barbara Robinson's novel The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, is light and resplendent in hope. One of its best aspects is that it also doesn't shy away from criticising the arrogance of people hailing from so-called 'decent families.' Dallas Jenkins, who made the Christian web series The Chosen, proves perfect for the subject as he has poured his heart and soul into this narration. No character feels forced or contrived here, and they all feel real and relatable as well. Beth, Grace, and Imogene anchor the story, representing three kinds of people: the flawed, the judgemental, and the ever-loving. The film comforts all three kinds and corrects the judgemental ones gently.

Besides its impact on an individual level, the film challenges certain norms and traditions that tend to gatekeep faith from the so-called "bad people". During the rehearsal scenes, the Herdmans curtly ask the most pertinent of questions upon hearing the story of Jesus' birth for the first time, but they are deemed rebels for it. Beneath the aggressive antics of Imogene and her siblings, we sense their helplessness of not getting to have anything kids of their age carry. From a good lunch to an attractive locket, the Herdmans cannot ask their parents (they aren't around for them) but will just have to snatch. While the inhabitants of Emmanuel view this as criminal activity, it is just hungry kids crying and getting aggressive over not having anyone to attend to their needs.

The poor Herdsman siblings attend the church and the Sunday class for the first time just for some tasty food. This highlights the irony that the one institution that could offer these neglected children principles to lead a decent life is off-limits to them. The film effectively depicts how the fear of certain parents and their prejudice against children from backgrounds such as that of the Herdmans, fuelled by gossiping and harmful stereotypes, perpetuates a cycle of exclusion.

While the film gently yet firmly condemns the judgemental types and comforts the flawed, it also offers a message of hope and second chances. Imogene and her younger ones develop a profound connection between the Divine Being's presence in a humble manger and their own pitiful existence. Their transformation is deeply moving, filling us with hopes for their escape from the abyss of the life they are living.

Grace (Judy Greer) and her husband Bob (Pete Holmes) are the only characters that stick to their goodness and firmly believe that staying good will not cause them any harm. Their belief that "Jesus was born for the Herdmans as much as he was born for all of us" underscores the film's inclusive message. Grace, the pageant's director, letting the Herdmans use the props they want is another message that religion has to become flexible to be of maximum utility.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is either perfect or brims with optimism, making every flaw unnoticeable. Regardless, it makes us root for a film that buttresses the point that the flawed and frail are more deserving of faith and religion than the pious and self-righteous.